

Manual for Boards of County Canvassers



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INTRODUCTION

Michigan election law was amended in 1963 to establish procedures for the appointment of a four-member Board of County Canvassers in every county in the state. (MCLA 168.24a-168.24f) Prior to 1963, county canvassers were elected. While the procedures for filling positions on county canvassing boards have changed over the years, the responsibilities of the boards have remained as follows:

COMPLETES CANVASS AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS:

The Board is responsible for canvassing and certifying primaries and elections held in the county. In specified instances, county canvassing boards are required to forward the results obtained for primaries and elections to the Board of State Canvassers in Lansing.

CONDUCTS RECOUNTS:

The Board is responsible for conducting recounts of votes cast at primaries and elections held in the county.

RESOLVES CLAIMS INVOLVING MALFUNCTIONING VOTING EQUIPMENT AND DEFECTIVE BALLOTS:

The Board is responsible for resolving any claims that malfunctioning voting equipment or defective ballots may have affected the outcome of a vote on an office appearing on the ballot. The resolution process is **not** carried out unless an aggrieved candidate files a petition asserting a voting equipment or ballot problem.

The Board is also responsible for resolving any claims that malfunctioning voting equipment or defective ballots may have affected the outcome of a vote on a proposal appearing on the ballot. The resolution process is **not** carried out unless a voter who participated in the election files a petition asserting a voting equipment or ballot problem.

INSPECTS BALLOT CONTAINERS:

Every four years the Board is responsible for inspecting all of the ballot containers used in the county.

This manual outlines the procedures a Board of County Canvassers must follow when fulfilling the above responsibilities.

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I. COMPOSITION OF BOARD AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Each Board of County Canvassers has four members. (MCLA 168.24a(1)) The two political parties that cast the greatest number of votes for the office of Secretary of State at the last election at which the office was filled are each permitted to have two representatives on the Board. (MCLA 168.24c) The county clerk serves as clerk of the Board. (MCLA 168.24e) (The county clerk does not have a vote on the Board.)

1. Terms of Board Positions

Each Board member serves a four-year term. The terms of the members are staggered so that both parties represented on the Board have one member's term expiring on October 31 of each odd-numbered year. New terms commence on November 1. (MCLA 168.24a(3))

2. Qualifications of Board Members

To serve on the Board, a person must be a "qualified elector" of the county and must take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office. An elected public officer may not serve on the Board. If a member of the Board becomes a candidate for public office or accepts a position as a precinct inspector, his or her position on the Board becomes vacant. (MCLA 168.24b; Art. II, Sec. 7, of State Constitution.) As precinct delegates are not considered "public officers," a Board member may seek and accept a precinct delegate position.

3. Regular Appointments to Board

To fill expiring terms on the Board, the county committee of each political party is required to submit to the county clerk not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year the names of three persons qualified to serve on the Board. (A Board member whose term is expiring may be named among the three nominees.) In a county having two or more congressional districts within its boundaries, the congressional district committees submit the names to the county clerk instead of the county committees. The county clerk presents the submitted names to the members of the Board of County Commissioners who are then required to fill each vacant position with one of the three persons nominated for the position. Michigan election law stipulates that the Board of County Commissioners must elect the positions "by ballot." The county clerk is responsible for notifying persons placed on the Board of County Canvassers within five days after the Board of County Commissioners acts to fill the positions. (MCLA 168.24a(3); 168.24c)

As the Open Meetings Act prohibits voting procedures at a public meeting which prevents citizens from knowing how members of a public body voted, a "secret" balloting process cannot be employed by the Board of County Commissioners when filling the positions.

The Michigan election law extends to the County Board of Commissioners the authority to request any of the following from the county canvasser nominees before making the required appointments:

- A letter signed by the nominee indicating 1) an interest in serving on the Board of County Canvassers and 2) an intent to discharge the duties to the best of his or her ability.
- Information on any prior election experience including canvassing elections.
- Information on whether the nominee has been convicted of a felony or election crime.

4. Vacancies on Board

A vacancy is created on the Board if a Board member 1) dies 2) resigns 3) becomes a candidate for public office 4) accept a position as a precinct inspector 5) moves from the county 6) fails or refuses to take the constitutional oath of office or 7) is removed from office under proper authority.

When a vacancy occurs on the Board, the county clerk immediately gives notices of the vacancy to the county chairperson of the political party represented by the position involved. Within 10 days after the county political party chairperson receives notice of the vacancy, the county political party committee is required to submit to the county clerk the names of three persons qualified to serve on the Board. Within 10 days after receiving the three names, the county clerk makes the necessary appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board serves for the balance of the unexpired term. (MCLA 168.24b; Art. II, Sec. 7, of State Constitution) The county clerk is responsible for notifying persons appointed to fill vacancies on the Board of County Canvassers within five days after their appointment. (MCLA 168.24a(3))

5. Compensation of Board Members

The rate of pay the members of the Board of County Canvassers receive is dependent on the population of the county. Payments are made by the county treasurer upon the warrant of the county clerk. (MCLA 168.24f; 168.24h)

- If the county's population is **less than 475,000**, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and in addition shall be paid the same daily rate as is paid the members of the board of commissioners for meetings." (MCLA 168.24f(2))
- If the county's population is **475,000 or more but less than 1,500,000**, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties and in addition shall be paid at a rate which is equal to the per diem rate paid to the county board of commissioners for meetings, or which is equal to ½% [.005] of the annual salary paid to members of the county board of commissioners, whichever is greater." (MCLA 168.24f(1))

- If the county's population is **1,500,000 or more**, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and in addition shall be paid a daily rate of \$25.00 for meetings and \$50.00 for recounts." (MCLA 168.24h)

6. Organization of Board

The Board of County Canvassers meet during the month of January in each even-numbered year to elect a Board chairperson and vice-chairperson. (MCLA 168.24e) Board officers serve a two-year term. It is recommended that the Board "split" the party affiliation of the two Board officers and rotate the offices between the two parties every two years. For example, if a Board member representing Party A is elected chairperson, a Board member representing Party B should be elected vice-chairperson. At the next election of Board officers, a Board member representing Party B should be elected chairperson and a Board member representing Party A should be elected vice-chairperson. Newly appointed Board members who have not yet taken the constitutional oath of office when the January organizational meeting is convened should take the oath before any business is transacted at the meeting. This includes Board members reappointed to fill a new term.

7. Frequency of Meetings

The Board meets as required to meet its statutorily specified duties and responsibilities. (MCLA 168.24e) Generally, meetings of the Board are called by the county clerk in his or her capacity as Board clerk. The Board chairperson and vice-chairperson also have the authority to call meetings of the Board.

8. Posting Requirement

Board of County Canvasser meetings are open to the public under the Open Meetings Act. (MCLA 15.261) When a Board meeting is scheduled, public notice of the meeting must be posted at least 18 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. (MCLA 15.265)

9. Quorum Required

Any three members of the Board constitute a quorum. It is emphasized, however, that the Board does not have the authority to take an action unless there is bi-partisan support for the action. Thus, if three Board members are present, two members representing *the same political party* cannot adopt or reject a motion without the concurrence of the third member. (MCLA 168.24e)

10. Minutes

The county clerk is responsible for taking notes at Board meetings. (This responsibility may be delegated.) After the adjournment of a Board meeting, the clerk drafts minutes of the meeting from the notes he or she has recorded on the Board's actions and forwards a copy of the draft to each member of the Board. At the following Board meeting, the Board members adopt or reject, by a vote of the Board members, the minutes submitted by the clerk. Adopted minutes are signed by all Board members. Rejected minutes are revised as necessary and resubmitted at the Board's subsequent meeting.

11. Temporary Members

When a meeting is called for the Board to perform a statutorily specified duty and a quorum cannot be convened, the county clerk may appoint temporary members to the Board. To accommodate such instances, the county clerk should keep on file a list of persons recommended by the political parties to fill temporary appointments. A temporary appointee must have the qualifications to serve on the Board and must be affiliated with the political party of the Board member he or she is replacing. When temporary appointments to the Board are necessary, it is recommended that **all** absences on the Board be temporarily filled to remove any appearances of partisanship. In other words, if two Board members are absent, two temporary appointments should be made; if three Board members are absent, three temporary appointments should be made; and if all four Board members are absent, four temporary appointments should be made. Temporary appointees on the Board serve only until the business at hand has been transacted. (MCLA 168.30g)

12. Employment of Board Assistants

The Board has the authority to employ assistants to help perform its duties in a timely manner. The rate of pay for the assistants is specified by the Board and is paid from a special appropriation made by the Board of County Commissioners. (MCLA 168.24e)

13. Board Budget

It is recommended that the Board work with the county clerk to prepare its yearly budget. Budget considerations should include 1) the Board's rate of pay 2) the number of meetings to be held in the ensuing 12 months 3) the number of assistants the Board expects to hire in the coming year and 4) the hourly rate to be paid to the assistants.

II. AUTHORITY TO CANVASS AND CERTIFY PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

A Board of County Canvassers' principal responsibility is to canvass and certify specified primaries and elections held in the county. The Board "canvasses" primaries and elections by carefully reviewing and authenticating various forms and certificates completed to document the vote cast at the polls. The Board "certifies" a **primary** by declaring the final vote totals obtained at the primary, the names of the nominees for the offices involved and the outcome of any questions on the ballot. The Board "certifies" an **election** by declaring the final vote totals obtained at the election, the names of the candidates elected to the offices involved and the outcome of any questions on the ballot. In certain specified instances, the Board canvasses the votes cast for an office or on a ballot question and forwards the results to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. The following outlines a Board of County Canvassers' responsibilities with regard to canvassing and certifying primaries and elections.

1. Federal and State Partisan Offices

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing** the votes cast in the county at a primary or general election for the following federal and state partisan offices (an asterisk indicates that the office appears only on the general election ballot): *president and vice-president (candidates for president and vice-president run as a "team" in the general election), U.S. senator, representative in congress, governor, *lieutenant governor (candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run as a "team" in the general election), *attorney general, *secretary of state, state senator, state representative, *state board of education member, *University of Michigan regent, *Michigan State University trustee, and *Wayne State University governor.

The Board of County Canvassers **certifies** the votes cast at a primary or general election for the office of representative in congress, state senator and state representative if the district involved is wholly contained within the county. In all other instances, the Board of County Canvassers forwards the votes cast at a primary or general election for the state and federal partisan offices named above to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. (MCLA 168.167; 168.171; 168.581; 168.826)

2. County Partisan Offices

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast at a primary or general election for all county partisan offices. (MCLA 168.197; 168.201; 168.228; 168.232; 168.258; 168.262; 168.826)

3. State and County Judicial Offices

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing** the votes cast in the county at a primary or general election for the following judicial offices (an asterisk indicates that the office appears only on the general election ballot): *Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals judge, Circuit Court judge, District Court judge, Probate judge (single county district) and District Probate judge (multi-county district).

The Board of County Canvassers **certifies** the votes cast at a primary or general election for the office of Probate judge (single county district). In all other instances, the Board of County Canvassers forwards the votes cast at a primary or general election for the judicial offices named above to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. (MCLA 168.397; 168.409f; 168.415; 168.417; 168.435; 168.467g)

4. City and Township Offices

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast at a primary or election for any city or township office **if the city or township has five (5) precincts or less**. A city of five (5) or less precincts that crosses county boundaries has its primaries and elections canvassed and certified by the county that contains the greatest number of registered voters in the city at the close of registration for the primary or election at hand.

If the city or township has six (6) or more precincts, Michigan election law requires that the jurisdiction create its own local canvassing board for certifying the votes cast at a primary or election conducted in the jurisdiction. A city or township that is required to create its own canvassing board may contract with the County Board of Commissioners to have the Board of County Canvassers canvass and certify primaries and elections conducted within the jurisdiction. Michigan election law provides that under such arrangements, the contract “may provide that the city or township ... bear all or part of cost of such work.” A city of six (6) or more precincts that crosses county lines that wishes to contract out the responsibilities of its canvassing board is required to make such arrangements with the county clerk that contains the larger portion of the city’s population. (MCLA 168.24a; 168.30a; 168.355; 168.360; 168.826)

5. School District Offices

In an instance where a school district falls in more than a single county, the Board of County Canvassers established in each county in which a portion of the school district lies is responsible for canvassing that portion of the school district election that is held in that county. (Note exceptions below.)

In an instance where a precinct used to conduct a school election falls in more than one county, the Board of County Canvassers established in the county in which the largest number of registered voters of that precinct reside is responsible for canvassing the results of that precinct. (Note exceptions below.)

Exception #1: As an exception to the above requirements, a Board of County Canvassers that is not the canvassing board responsible for certifying the school district election is not required to

meet to canvass the county's portion of the school district election unless the Board of County Canvassers is obligated to meet to canvass another election held in the county.

Exception #2: In an instance where a combination city/school district election or village/school district election is conducted in a city or village that falls in more than one county, that portion of the school district election held within the city or village is always canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers responsible for canvassing the city or village election.

Election Certification Steps

In an instance where the school district election canvassing procedures detailed above are invoked, the certification of the school district election proceeds as described below:

- 1) Each of the canvassing boards established in the "outlying" counties meets and canvasses that portion of the school district election held in the county.
- 2) After completing its portion of the canvass, each of the canvassing boards established in the "outlying" counties certify the vote totals obtained in the county to the county canvassing board responsible for certifying the school district election. (The Board of County Canvassers responsible for certifying the school district election is the Board of County Canvassers established in the county in which the greatest number of registered voters in the school district reside.)
- 3) After receiving the certified vote results from the county canvassing boards established in the "outlying" counties, the Board of County Canvassers responsible for certifying the school district election canvasses its portion of the school district election, compiles a final canvass report that covers the entire school district and certifies the final results.
- 4) As a final step, the county clerk of the county in which the greatest number of registered voters in the school district reside certifies the final results of the school district election to the secretary of the school board.

Preparing for the Canvass of School District Elections

In view of the canvassing requirements explained above, county clerks must take the following actions in advance of any multi-county school district elections that impact their respective counties:

- The clerks of the "outlying" counties must inform the clerk of the county responsible for certifying the school district election whether their canvassing boards will or will not meet to canvass their portion of the school district election.
- Arrangements must be made to ensure that the canvass documents completed at the precinct level are transmitted to the appropriate county clerk for delivery to the proper canvassing board.

6. State, County, Local, School District and Community College District Ballot Issues

The votes cast for and against ballot issues placed on the ballot at state, local, school district and community college district primaries and elections are canvassed and certified as follows:

- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing** the votes cast in the county on a statewide ballot issue. The Board of County Canvassers forwards the results obtained on a statewide ballot issue to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. (MCLA 168.826; 168.841)
- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast in the county on a countywide question. (MCLA 168.826)
- The votes cast for and against ballot issues placed on the ballot at a city, township, village, school district or community college district primary or election are canvassed and certified by the county or local canvassing board responsible for canvassing and certifying the votes cast on offices up for election in the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.24a; 168.826; 389.17; 389.21; 389.37; 389.57)

7. Special Primaries and Elections

The votes cast for and against ballot issues and offices placed on special primary and special general election ballots by the state or a county, city, township, village, school district, community college district or a district library are canvassed and certified by the canvassing board responsible for canvassing and certifying the votes cast at regularly scheduled primaries and elections within the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.533)

8. Recall Elections

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing** the votes cast in the county for and against the recall of a federal, state or county officer (except the office of county commissioner). The Board of County Canvassers forwards the results obtained to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step.

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast in the county for and against the recall of a county commissioner or a city, township, village or school official. (MCLA 168.968) A recall election held within a city or school district that crosses county boundaries is canvassed and certified by the county that contains the greatest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.24a; 168.960; 168.968) An election held to fill a vacancy created by the recall of an officer is canvassed and certified by the canvassing board responsible for canvassing and certifying the votes cast at regularly scheduled primaries and elections within the jurisdiction.

To emphasize: While local canvassing boards are **not** used to canvass or certify the votes cast in a recall election conducted on the local level, local canvassing boards **are used** to canvass and certify the votes cast in an election held on the local level to fill a vacancy created by the recall of an officer.

9. Reimbursement of Costs to County

Michigan election law states: “The cost of canvass of school, city, township, and village elections shall be borne by the school district, city, township, or village holding the election, and upon presentation of a bill for the costs incurred by the board of county canvassers, the school district, city, township, or village shall reimburse the county treasurer.” (MCLA 168.24a(1))

III. MANAGEMENT OF A COUNTY CANVASS

The following outlines the provisions of Michigan election law which govern the management of a primary or election canvass conducted on the county level.

1. Commencement and Completion of Canvass

A canvass conducted on the county or local level must be completed within **14 calendar days** after its commencement. (MCLA 168.822) The commencement date of a canvass depends on the type of primary or election held.

- After an August primary, a November general election or a presidential primary, the Board of County Canvassers must meet to begin the canvass at 1:00 p.m. on the day after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.821)
- After a special election held on an annexation, incorporation or consolidation, the local or county board responsible for the canvass must meet to begin the canvass no later than the first Thursday after the election. (MCLA 117.12)
- After any other type of primary or election, the local or county board responsible for the canvass must meet to begin the canvass no later than the fifth day after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.821)

2. Failure to Perform Canvassing Duties: Local and County Level Canvassing Boards

The authority for canvassing and certifying the votes cast at a primary or election is transferred as described below if the canvassing board responsible for the completion of the work fails to perform its duties within the allotted time period.

- **FAILURE ON LOCAL LEVEL:** If a Board of City Canvassers or a Board of Township Canvassers fails to canvass and certify **within 14 calendar days after the election** the votes cast for and against a ballot issue or for an office voted on within the jurisdiction, the city or township clerk immediately delivers all of the necessary forms and documents to the county clerk. The Board of County Canvassers is then responsible for completing the remaining work involved **within seven (7) calendar days after the county clerk's receipt of the records**. The city or township is responsible for the costs the county incurs in completing the canvass and certification. (MCLA 168.30e) The Board of County Canvassers may enlist the assistance of the Board of City Canvassers or the Board of Township Canvassers to complete the remaining work involved.
- **FAILURE ON COUNTY LEVEL:** If a Board of County Canvassers fails to canvass and/or certify **within 14 calendar days after the commencement of the canvass** the votes

cast for and against a ballot issue or on any office voted on within the county, the Board immediately delivers all of the necessary forms and documents to the Secretary of State. The Board of State Canvassers is then responsible for completing the remaining work involved **within 10 calendar days after the Secretary of State's receipt of the records.** The county is responsible for the costs the Board of State Canvassers incurs in completing the canvass and certification. The same procedure is followed if the Board of County Canvassers fails to complete **within seven (7) calendar days** work left unfinished by a Board of City Canvassers or a Board of Township Canvassers. (MCLA 168.822) The Board of State Canvassers may enlist the assistance of the Board of County Canvassers or a local canvassing board to complete the remaining work involved.

3. Principal Documents Employed to Complete Canvass

The following lists the principal documents used to canvass and certify a primary or election:

- **POLL BOOKS** document the ballots issued, cast, rejected and spoiled in a voting precinct or an absent voter counting board precinct.
- **THE STATEMENT OF VOTES** documents the final vote totals obtained in a voting precinct or an absent voter counting board precinct.
- **THE COUNTY CANVASSERS' REPORT** documents the votes cast in each precinct in the county for each candidate and question on the ballot. The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for completing the form.
- **THE STATE VOTE TOTAL FORM** is used to transmit the total votes cast in the county at an August primary, November general election or presidential primary for candidates seeking federal, state and judicial offices on the ballot. This form is transmitted electronically and in paper format using the election night reporting program (e-ENR) following the completion of the county canvass. (The e-ENR program used to report official vote totals following the county canvass is also used by the county clerk to report unofficial vote totals on election night.)

4. Delivery of Records to Board of County Canvassers

Before the procedures for canvassing and certifying a primary or election can be carried out, the various forms and certificates completed to document the vote cast at the polls and by the absent voters must be secured and delivered as appropriate to the Board of County Canvassers. The following outlines the manner in which the records needed to certify and canvass a primary or election on the county level are assembled. (MCLA 168.809)

- Immediately after the close of the polls the election inspectors complete the precinct's records. One of the Statement of Votes are sealed with a red paper seal in an envelope addressed to the Board of County Canvassers. The envelope is delivered by the election inspectors to the official responsible for administering the election (city clerk, township clerk, or village clerk). The official responsible for administering the election delivers the

envelopes addressed to the Board of County Canvassers to the chief or only judge of probate of the county or probate court district or their representative for safekeeping.

NOTE TO INSPECTORS: This Envelope should be securely sealed with a Red Gummed Seal which has been properly completed and initialed by two inspectors.

PLACE IN THIS ENVELOPE 2

✓ **ONE (1) STATEMENT OF VOTES**
(With Tabulator Tape and Precinct Language (If Any) Attached)

(Date of Election)
(Name of Jurisdiction)
(Inspector's Name)
COUNTY OF _____ MICHIGAN

**CLERK'S RECORD ONLY
DESTROY AFTER**
_____ (Date)

TO: _____ BOARD OF CANVASSERS
(County of LANSING)

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Michigan Statewide Precincts
Form No. 100

- In addition to the above, the election inspectors use a red paper seal to seal the second Statement of Votes and the Poll Book in an envelope addressed to the county clerk. The envelope is delivered to the county clerk as arranged by the official responsible for administering the election (city clerk, township clerk, or village clerk). The county clerk uses the records in the envelope to compile the unofficial returns for the election.

NOTE TO INSPECTORS: This Envelope should be securely sealed with a Red Gummed Seal which has been properly completed and initialed by two inspectors.

PLACE IN THIS ENVELOPE 1

✓ **ONE (1) POLL BOOK**
(Check Tabulator Tape and Precinct Language (If Any) Attached)

✓ **ONE (1) LIST OF DELEGATES ELECTED**

✓ **QVF - LIST OF VOTERS (If Required)**

(Date of Election)
(Name of Jurisdiction)
(Inspector's Name)
COUNTY OF _____ MICHIGAN

**CLERK'S RECORD ONLY
DESTROY AFTER**
_____ (Date)

TO: COUNTY CLERK

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- The county clerk presents the envelopes containing the records used to compile the unofficial returns for the election (#1 envelope - seals broken) to the Board prior to the commencement of the canvass. The judge of probate shall deliver the sealed envelope received by him or her to the board of county canvassers (#2 envelope – sealed) when it meets to canvass the returns (MCL 168.809).

5. Delivery of Records to Multiple Boards of County Canvassers

If a city or village crosses county boundary lines the County Board of Canvassers of the county in which the greatest number of registered voters of the city or village reside must canvass and certify the votes cast on any city or village offices or proposals that appear on the ballot.

If more than one County Board of Canvassers is responsible for canvassing and certifying the returns a separate copy of the Poll Book and Statement of Votes must be prepared for each canvassing board involved. As an alternative, if a Receiving Board is authorized by the local legislative body, the members of the receiving board may photocopy the Poll Book for delivery to the additional County Board of Canvassers. As another option, if a copier is present within the processing area of the precinct, the Poll Book may be copied by the board of election inspectors following the close of the polls.

The following example is provided to illustrate the manner in which the records needed to canvass and certify a primary or election are assembled when multiple canvassing boards are employed.

EXAMPLE: A city is located in two counties (County A and County B). The majority of the registered voters of the city reside in County A. Both County B and the city place proposals on the ballot. While all voters within the city are qualified to vote on the city proposal, only a portion of the voters (those who reside within County B) are qualified to vote on the county proposal.

To account for both ballot styles: 1) Ballot Style A (contains only the City proposal) and 2) Ballot Style B (contains the City proposal *and* the County proposal), the following options are available:

OPTION A: Receiving board not used and no printer in precinct - Addendum Poll Book (Dual Entry Required)

- The names of all voters are recorded in the Poll Book. An alpha designation is used to identify the specific ballot style issued to each voter i.e., 1A or 1B. In addition, the name of each voter issued ballot style B is recorded in the Addendum Poll Book which will be delivered to the second canvassing board. It is important to note that each canvassing board must have a complete list of the voters that were issued a ballot containing the office(s) and/or proposal(s) that they are responsible for canvassing.
- All A ballots are accounted for in the ballot summary located in the back of the Poll Book.
- All B ballots are accounted for in the ballot summary located in the back of the Addendum Poll Book.
- The public counter on the tabulator will reflect ALL ballots tabulated. Therefore, the total number of A and B ballots issued, as reflected in each ballot summary, must be added together to verify this count.

- The total number of voters recorded on the Certificate of Election Inspectors, located in the original Poll Book, must include both A and B ballot voters.
- The public counter on the tabulator will reflect ALL ballots tabulated. Therefore, the total number of A and B ballots issued, as reflected in each ballot summary, must be added together to verify this count.
- The Poll Book (with Addendum Ballot Summary, if used) and the Statements of Votes are secured in the appropriate envelopes and delivered along with the ballot container to the Receiving Board, if used.

ADDENDUM BALLOT SUMMARY	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 20px;"> Regular or Special </div>	
Held On _____, 20____ in the _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> Month and Date Year Ward/Precinct </div>	
City/Twp. of _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; font-size: small;"> City or Township </div>	
School District of _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; font-size: small;"> School District </div>	
County of _____, State of Michigan <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; font-size: small;"> County </div>	

BALLOT SUMMARY	
NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED TO PRECINCT: A. Number of official ballots delivered to precinct: (Do not include absent voter ballots) <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="margin: 0 5px;">-</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="margin: 0 5px;">=</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small; margin-top: -10px;"> (Ending No.) (Starting No.) </div> B. Number of absent voter return envelopes received by board: (Enter "0" if absent voter ballots not processed in precinct) <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> C. Total of Lines A & B: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div>	NUMBER OF BALLOTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS: D. Number of ballots tabulated: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> E. Number of ballots reissued to voters who spoiled their ballot: (Spoiled or defective ballots for which a new ballot was issued and tabulated) <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> F. Number of ballots which were used by election inspectors for duplications: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> G. Number of provisional "envelope" ballots issued: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> H. Number of ballots which were not issued: <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="margin: 0 5px;">-</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="margin: 0 5px;">=</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small; margin-top: -10px;"> (Ending No.) (Starting No.) </div> I. Number of absent voter return envelopes received which did not contain a ballot: (Enter "0" if absent voter ballots not processed in precinct) <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> J. Total of Lines D, E, F, G, H and I: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">↑</div> <div style="text-align: center;">↑</div> </div> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">THESE TOTALS MUST AGREE</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: x-small;">CHECK YOUR TOTALS! THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LINE C MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LINE J. IF THESE TOTALS DO NOT AGREE, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF POLL BOOK.</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: x-small; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">UPON COMPLETION, INSERT THIS ADDENDUM BALLOT SUMMARY INTO BACK OF POLL BOOK.</p>	

- The Receiving Board will prepare a copy of the Poll Book (with Addendum Ballot Summary, if used) and Statements of Votes and secure them into separate envelopes addressed to the County Clerk and County Board of Canvassers of the neighboring county.

6. Scope of Authority When Conducting Canvass

When conducting a canvass of votes, the Board of County Canvassers has the authority to take any of the actions listed below. (MCLA 168.823)

- Adjourn from day to day as necessary during the course of the canvass.

- Employ assistants as needed to conduct and complete the canvass.
- Direct that any records related to the election be presented at the canvass.
- Open ballot boxes to remove any records related to the election which have been secured in the ballot boxes. (The Board does **not** have the authority to remove the ballots secured in the ballot boxes.)
- Correct obvious mathematical errors made by the election inspectors or other canvassing boards. (All corrections should be made in red ink next to the inaccurate entries; the mistakes should not be erased!)
- Direct the election inspectors to correct precinct records found to be incorrect or incomplete.

POWER TO CORRECT ERRORS: If there appears to be a discrepancy in the records completed by a precinct board, the Board has the authority to:

- Direct the person who wrote the program to appear at the canvass with all papers and documents pertinent to the program to answer any questions relevant to the program.
- Direct the person who has custody of the program to 1) present the program at the canvass in its sealed container 2) remove the program from its container and 3) test the program to verify its accuracy. If the program is found to produce inaccurate results, the Board may require the programmer to submit a corrected program. Once the corrected program has been verified as accurate, the Board may direct the appropriate persons to retabulate the ballots and certify the results.
- Direct the person who has custody of the ballot containers to 1) appear at the canvass with the sealed containers 2) open them and 3) remove any documents required to complete the canvass.
- Direct the election inspectors who certified the returns to tabulate any uncounted ballots.
- Direct the election inspectors who certified the returns to re-tabulate the ballots counted on election night if the following applies:
 - A. The total number of ballots tabulated according to the totals tape does not equal the total number of voters as recorded in the Poll Book, **and**
 - B. a physical count of the ballots (conducted by a team of two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties) is the **same as** the total number of voters as recorded in the Poll Book.

After exercising any of the above powers, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for ensuring that all of the voting equipment involved is resealed and returned to the custody of the appropriate official. The serial numbers appearing on the seals used to reseat the voting equipment must be recorded in the proper Poll Books, on the appropriate Statement of Votes forms, on the ballot container tags and in the minutes of the Board's meeting. In addition, the

Board of County Canvassers must secure all Poll Books and Statement of Votes in sealed envelopes. (MCLA 168.824(2))

It bears emphasis that the purpose of a canvass is to verify the proper completion of the records related to the election at hand. The investigation of alleged election law violations is **not** a part of the canvass. Consequently, the Board of County Canvassers does **not** have the authority to pass upon the legality of an election. In *McQuade v Furgason*, 91 Mich 438 (1892), the Michigan Supreme Court stated:

“(I)t is the settled law of this State that canvassing boards are bound by the return, and cannot go behind it, especially for the purpose of determining frauds in the election. Their duties are purely ministerial and clerical....”

For further information on the scope of a Board of County Canvassers’ authority when canvassing an election, refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 6230, issued on June 14, 1984.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A COUNTY CANVASS: VERIFICATION OF RECORDS

The successful completion of an election canvass rests on the verification of all records completed in the precincts. If any of the records are found to be incomplete or to contain errors other than minor omissions, spelling errors or obvious mathematical mistakes, the election inspectors who were responsible for completing the records must be summoned to the canvass to correct the documents. If errors in the records are found which require election inspectors to appear at the canvass, the Board should continue with the canvass while waiting for the election inspectors to appear. Unnecessary delays in the canvass must be avoided. After the completion of the canvass, the Board should advise the official responsible for administering the election of any errors or omissions which the Board found it necessary to correct.

The following provides a list of items the Board of County Canvassers must check on each precinct record. (A County Canvass Checklist is available in the Appendix.)

1. Poll Books

A Poll Book is completed by the election inspectors serving in each precinct and absent voter counting board. When reviewing a Poll Book, the Board should:

- A. Check the outside cover for proper completion.

TOTAL VOTERS <u>200</u>
<h1 style="margin: 0;">POLL BOOK</h1> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">— FOR THE —</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><u>GENERAL</u> ELECTION</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Primary, General, Special or School</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Held on <u>NOVEMBER 4</u>, 20 <u>08</u> in Ward/Precinct # <u>1</u></p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Month and Date Year</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">of the <u>MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP</u></p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">City, Township, Village or School District</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">County of <u>INGHAM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">STATE OF MICHIGAN</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ELECTION INSPECTOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All inspectors must take and subscribe to the Oath of Office in the front of this Poll Book prior to assuming any duties as an inspector. All inspectors must sign the Election Inspectors' Preparation Certificate in the front of this Poll Book. Record any comments or clarifications on the Remarks Page in the back of this Poll Book. Tally write-in votes in the Write-In Tally Section located in the back of this Poll Book. (Do not tally write-in votes cast for precinct delegate candidates at the August Primary in this Poll Book. Write-in votes cast for precinct delegate candidates are tallied in the Precinct Delegate Statement.) All inspectors must sign the Certificate of Election Inspectors in the back of this Poll Book when completing the precinct's records after the polls close. Two (2) inspectors must initial all red paper seals used to seal envelopes. Two (2) inspectors must attest to the sealing of the ballots in an approved storage container after the close of the polls. Two (2) inspectors must attest to the sealing of the tabulator program in an approved container after the close of the polls. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; margin: 10px 0;">RETURN COMPLETED POLL BOOK IN ENVELOPE NO. 1 TO COUNTY CLERK</p>

- B. Check the oaths for proper completion. The chairperson's oath must be completed and signed by the chairperson and the person who administered the oath. The group oath must be completed and signed by all inspectors and the person who administered the oath.
- C. Verify that the Clerk's Preparation Certificate is completed and signed by the clerk or authorized assistant. Verify that the Election Inspectors' Certificate is completed and signed by all election inspectors present at the opening of the polls.

CLERK'S PREPARATION CERTIFICATE FOR OPTICAL SCAN TABULATOR AND VOTER ASSIST TERMINAL			
Tabulator Serial No.	82135	Tabulator Seal No.	34567
Terminal Serial No.	AM56821	Terminal Seal No.	34683
I certify that the above precinct tabulator and voter assist terminal have been properly prepared and tested for this election in accordance with law, and, that at the completion of the tests the programs were inserted into the tabulator and terminal and sealed with seals bearing the seal numbers recorded above.			
Ward / Precinct No.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Margie Sears</i> <small>Signature of Clerk or Authorized Assistant</small>	10-27-08 <small>Date</small>	
ELECTION INSPECTORS' PREPARATION CERTIFICATE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WE CERTIFY BY SIGNING BELOW THAT THE FOLLOWING WAS COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The oath of office was administered to and signed by all election inspectors present.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that the serial number of the tabulator and terminal and the seals used to seal the tabulator and terminal were the same as the serial and seal numbers recorded on the Clerk's Preparation Certificate above.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All preparation tests of the tabulator and terminal were completed and the equipment was found to be in proper working order.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The ballot was verified by comparing each candidate's name and the placement of any propositions on the ballot with the precinct instruction ballot, tabulator zero tape and terminal test ballot.			
OATHS OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION			
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF <u>INGHAM</u>		} ss.	
I Do Solemnly Swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Precinct Board Chairperson at the Election held on <u>Tuesday</u> the <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u> , 20 <u>08</u> according to the best of my ability.			
Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u> , 20 <u>08</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Sally Jones</i> <small>Signature of Chairperson</small>	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Mark Williams</i> <small>Signature of Person Administering Oath</small>	
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF <u>INGHAM</u>		} ss.	
I Do Solemnly Swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Inspector of Elections at the Election held on <u>Tuesday</u> the <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u> , 20 <u>08</u> according to the best of my ability.			
Signatures of Persons Taking Oath and Certifying Preparation Certificate			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Mark Williams</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Scott Carr</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Joann Smith</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Bob Carritt</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Sam Best</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u> , 20 <u>08</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Sally Jones</i> <small>Signature of Person Administering Oath</small>	

- D. Check the List of Voters section of the Poll Book for legibility and proper completion. The poll list must include the name of every voter that was issued a ballot along with the names of the voters for whom an absent voter ballot was received for processing (if applicable) along with the serial number of the ballot that was issued to the voter. If absent voter ballots were processed in the precinct, verify that the absent voters are identified with the letters. "A.V."

The word "Spoiled" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter for whom a replacement ballot was issued. In each case, the original ballot number must be crossed out and the replacement ballot number recorded.

The word "Provisional Envelope" or "Provisional Affidavit" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter whose ballot was processed as a provisional ballot.

LIST OF VOTERS				
NO. OF VOTER	NAME OF VOTER	DATE & TIME VOTED BY ABSENT VOTER	BALLOT NUMBER	REMARKS
141	Sara Smith		149	Prov. Envelope
142	Sandy Miller	A.V.	302	
143	Joe Miller	A.V.	303	
144	Bob Walters	A.V.	352	
145	Teresa Achew	A.V.	317	
146	Bill Stevens		150 154	Spoiled
147	Zachary Tyler		151	
148	Brandon Johns		152	
149	Betty Arthur		153	Challenged
150	Sally Briggs		155	
151	Sam Houston		156	
152	Wendy Cole		157 160	
153	Bob Kohn		158	
154	Don Armstrong		159	
155	Sarah Jones		161	Prov. Affidavit
156	Scott Brady		162	
157	John Smithson		163	
158	Karen Smithson		164 168 172	Spoiled
159	David Garcia		165	
160	Paul Arnold		166	
20 TOTAL VOTERS ON THIS PAGE				

- E. Examine the “Challenged Voters” and “Challenged Procedures” sections of the Poll Book. If challenges took place in the precinct, information regarding each challenge should appear. If no challenges took place in the precinct, the word “NONE” should appear.

CHALLENGED VOTERS		94	
Time	<u>2:30</u>	Name of Challenger	<u>Scott Sampson</u>
Name of Challenged Voter	<u>Joe Miller</u>	Voter's Address	<u>123 First St.</u>
Voter's Telephone #	<u>517-555-1212</u>	Reason for Challenge	<u>Challenger did not think that Mr. Miller was old enough to vote.</u>
Result of Challenge: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballot issued and Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot not issued			
Time _____ Name of Challenger _____			
Name of Challenged Voter _____ Voter's Address _____			
Voter's Telephone # _____ Reason for Challenge _____			
Result of Challenge: <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot issued and Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot not issued			
CHALLENGED PROCEDURES			
Time _____ Name of Challenger _____			
Description of Challenged Procedure _____			
Result _____			
Time _____ Name of Challenger _____			
Description of Challenged Procedure _____			
Result _____			

- G. Examine the “Write-in Tally” section of the Poll Book. Write-in votes for “declared” write-in candidates must be tallied and the totals recorded on the Statement of Votes. If there were no “declared” write-in candidates, the word “NONE” should appear.

DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ONLY (DO NOT TALLY PRECINCT DELEGATE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN THIS SECTION. REFER TO DELEGATE STATEMENT)		
CANDIDATE'S NAME	OFFICE	PARTY
James Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.
Jim Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.
J. Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.
Jimmy Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.
Sarah Smith	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.
Sara Smyth	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.
S. Smith	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.

TALLY OF VOTES																			TOTAL VOTES
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
II	II	II																	12
III																			3
I																			1
I																			1
II	III																		9
I																			1
I																			1

OPTICAL SCAN ST	
WARD/PRECINCT: 1	JURISDICTION: MERIDIAN TOW
1 DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Enter write-in candidate information and transfer total write-in votes from tally page.)	
DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (Please record like offices together)	TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES
Name <u>James Webster</u> Office <u>Twp. Clerk</u> Party <u>Rep.</u>	12
Name <u>Jim Webster</u> Office <u>Twp. Clerk</u> Party <u>Rep.</u>	3
Name <u>J. Webster</u> Office <u>Twp. Clerk</u> Party <u>Rep.</u>	1
Name <u>Jimmy Webster</u> Office <u>Twp. Clerk</u> Party <u>Rep.</u>	1
Name <u>Sarah Smith</u> Office <u>Twp. Treasurer</u> Party <u>Dem.</u>	9
Name <u>Sara Smyth</u> Office <u>Twp. Treasurer</u> Party <u>Dem.</u>	1
Name <u>S. Smith</u> Office <u>Twp. Treasurer</u> Party <u>Dem.</u>	1


- H. Check the election inspectors' certificate on the last page of the Poll Book. The certificate must be complete in every detail and must be signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. When reviewing the election inspectors' certificate, the Board should:
1. Verify the total number of voters against the "List of Voters" section. The numbers should agree except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. (NOTE: The totals must reflect absent voters if absentee voter ballots were processed in the precinct.)
 2. Verify the total number of ballots tabulated against the tabulator totals tape. The numbers should agree except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. (NOTE: For each provisional "envelope" ballot issued in the precinct, the total ballots tabulated will be one less than the total number of voters according to the Poll Book.)

OPTICAL SCAN STA	
WARD/PRECINCT: <u>1</u>	JURISDICTION: <u>MERIDIAN</u>
3	CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION INSPECTORS
WE CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS (Except as noted on the Remarks Page of this Poll Book)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The number of voters according to this Poll Book is:	<u>200</u>
(Include absent voter ballots if processed in precinct. Record on cover of poll book.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The number of ballots tabulated is:	<u>200</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that the number of ballots tabulated equals the number of voters according to this Poll Book and that no discrepancies exist between the Poll Book and Applications to Vote. If they do not agree, make a notation in the Remarks Section of this Poll Book.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed the challenged voters, if any, in this Poll Book and properly identified the challenged ballots.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that all valid absent voter ballots have been tabulated (if absent voter ballots processed in precinct).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that any ballots requiring duplication have been accurately duplicated and tabulated.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that all valid write-in votes have been tallied and the totals recorded to the Statements of Votes in this Poll Book.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that all provisional "envelope" ballots issued, if any, were properly recorded, identified and sealed in provisional ballot security envelopes.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified that the tabulator statement of votes tape and proposal language are attached to the appropriate copies.	
RED: DETACH AND PLACE IN	

3. Verify the accuracy of the ballot summary. The ballot summary must accurately account for all ballots received by the board including used, unused and absent voter ballots.

STATEMENT OF VOTES	
VNSHIP	DATE OF ELECTION: 11-4-08
2	BALLOT SUMMARY
WE CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING: NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED TO PRECINCT:	
A. Number of official ballots delivered to precinct: <small>(Do not include absent voter ballots)</small>	
First Ballot Style (250) Ending No. (Minus) (1) Starting No. + 1 = 250	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">250</div>
Second Ballot Style () Ending No. (Minus) () Starting No. + 1 =	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
B. Number of absent voter return envelopes received by board: <small>(Enter "0" if absent voter ballots not processed in precinct)</small>	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">25</div>
C. Total of lines A and B:	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">275</div>
NUMBER OF BALLOTS AT CLOSE OF POLLS:	
D. Number of ballots tabulated: <small>(Include absent voter ballots if processed in precinct.)</small>	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">200</div>
E. Number of absent voter ballot envelopes delivered to precinct which did not contain a ballot:	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">0</div>
F. Number of ballots reissued to voters who spoiled their ballot at the polling place (spoiled or defective ballots for which a new ballot was issued and tabulated):	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">10</div>
G. Number of ballots used by election inspectors for ballot duplications:	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">5</div>
H. Number of PROVISIONAL "envelope" ballots issued:	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">0</div>
I. Number of UNUSED BALLOTS (excess ballots):	
First Ballot Style (250) Ending No. of Unused Ballots (Minus) (191) Starting No. of Unused Ballots + 1 = 60	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">60</div>
Second Ballot Style () Ending No. of Unused Ballots (Minus) () Starting No. of Unused Ballots + 1 =	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
J. Total of Lines D, E, F, G, H and I:	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">275</div>
CHECK YOUR TOTALS! THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LINE C MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LINE J. IF THESE TOTALS DO NOT AGREE, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF THIS POLL BOOK.	

NOTE: If a provisional envelope ballot was issued in the precinct, the Board should receive a Provisional Ballot Report from the city or township in which the precinct is located. The County Canvassers' Report must be adjusted to reflect any votes cast on provisional envelope ballots that were ruled valid during the six day determination period following the election.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

July 27, 2006

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT
REPORT FORM**

Jurisdiction: _____ Date of election: _____

I. Enter, by precinct, the number of provisional ballots which were 1) counted or tabulated in the polls on election day and 2) secured in PROVISIONAL BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPES for delivery to the clerk's office after the polls closed ("envelope" ballots).

Of those provisional ballots which were secured in PROVISIONAL BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPES, indicate 1) the number that were determined valid and counted and 2) the number that were determined invalid and not counted.

Precinct #	Number of Provisional Ballots Counted or Tabulated in the Polls	Number of Provisional Ballots Secured in Provisional Ballot Security Envelopes ("Envelope" Ballots)	Number of "Envelope" Ballots Determined Valid	Number of "Envelope" Ballots Determined Invalid

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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4. Verify that the seal number used to seal the ballot container is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors. (NOTE: Ballot bags are not required nor recognized as approved ballot containers, therefore a seal is not required.)

5. Verify that the seal number used to seal the program (if removed from the tabulator) is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors.

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2. Statement of Votes

The vote totals obtained in the precinct for each candidate and ballot question on the ballot are documented on the precinct's Statement of Votes. The Statement of Votes must include the

following five elements: 1) the “totals tape” showing the total votes received by the candidates and the total “Yes” and “No” votes cast for any ballot proposals 2) the total votes received by declared write-in candidates 3) the complete text language of any proposals on the ballot 4) the seal number used to seal the approved ballot container along with the signatures of the two election inspectors who sealed the ballot container, and 5) the certificate of election inspectors signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the “Remarks Section” of the Poll Book. The “totals tape” must be signed by all inspectors present at the close of the polls. When reviewing a Statement of Votes, the Board should:

- A. Check the heading of the Statement of Votes for completion.
- B. Verify that the total number of ballots cast in the precinct as reflected on the Statement of Votes equals the total number of names entered in the List of Voters section of the Poll Book. If you find a discrepancy, check the “Remarks Section” of the Poll Book for an explanation before summoning the election inspectors who served in the precinct.
- C. Check the election inspectors’ certificate. The certificate must be complete in every detail and must be signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the “Remarks Section” of the Poll Book.
- D. Verify that the ballot container seal number is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors.

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- E. Verify the total write-in votes as compared to the “Write-in Tally” section of the Poll Book.

V. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A COUNTY CANVASS: COMPLETION OF CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

After the precinct records have been carefully inspected and corrected as necessary, the Board of County Canvassers must:

- Document on a County Canvassers' Report the votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot. (MCLA 168.824; 168.825)
- Determine the winning candidates and the outcome of ballot questions for those offices and ballot questions which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying. (MCLA 168.826)
- Transmit to the Secretary of State 1) the votes cast on offices and ballot questions which the Board of State Canvassers is responsible for certifying and 2) the votes cast on U.S. Representative, State Senate and State House seats which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying. (MCLA 168.827; 168.828)
- Transmit to the various local officials in the county election certifications and records as appropriate.

While the forms used to accomplish the above steps may vary from county to county, they serve the same functions. The final certification must be signed by all Board members present at the canvass. The following provides general instruction on the completion of the above steps.

1. Documentation of County Vote Totals – County Canvassers' Report

To document the votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot, the Board of County Canvassers completes a County Canvassers' Report. The County Canvassers' Report may be a booklet, a multiple-sheet document or a computer generated report or combination. An Official County Canvassers' Report consists of the following 3 components:

A. Statement of Votes (MCL 168.824, 168.825)

It is recommended that EMS products (Unity, WinEDS, or GEMS software) be used to generate the Statement of Votes. The Statement of Votes must include the name of county, the name of the jurisdiction, the precinct number, the election date, office titles, the names of candidates seeking each office, the headings of ballot questions, and the full text of all ballot questions.

In addition, the Statement of Votes must include:

- The total number of votes cast for each office.
- The total number of votes cast for each office by precinct.
- The total number of votes given to each person under each office by precinct.
- The total number of votes cast on each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question.
- The total number of votes cast on each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question by precinct.
- The total number of votes cast in favor of and the number of votes cast against each proposed amendment or other ballot question.
- The total number of votes cast in favor of and the number of votes cast against each proposed amendment or other ballot question by precinct.

NOTE: For each category listed above, the number of votes must be written out in words at length (alpha) and the number of votes must also be stated in figures (numeric).
MCL 168.825

As current versions of the EMS software cannot produce all of the required components of the Statement of Votes, the computer generated vote totals report from the software must be supplemented with three additional documents:

- Addendum 1 – Total number of votes received by each candidate written out in words at length (alpha).
- Addendum 2 – The headings of ballot questions, the full text of ballot questions, and the total number of votes cast in favor and number of votes cast against each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot questions written out in words at length (alpha).
- Addendum 3 – Write-In Vote Certification Report.

Statement of Votes - Sample Unity software generated vote totals

NUMBERED KEY CANVASS				WEST BLOOMFIELD CHARTER TOWNSH							
RUN DATE:05/30/08 02:23 PM				GENERAL ELECTION							
				NOVEMBER 7, 2006							
				WITH 0 OF 27 PR							
01 = REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL				TOTAL	PERCENT	03 = BALLOTS CA					
02 = BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL				47,565							
				0							
				01	02	03					
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	2099	. . 0 . . 0									
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	2559	. . 0 . . 0									
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	1657	. . 0 . . 0									
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	1543	. . 0 . . 0									
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	1949	. . 0 . . 0									
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	1447	. . 0 . . 0									
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	1518	. . 0 . . 0									
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	1590	. . 0 . . 0									
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	1001	. . 0 . . 0									
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	1445	. . 0 . . 0									
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	1316	. . 0 . . 0									
2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	2085	. . 0 . . 0									
2013 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 13	2028	. . 0 . . 0									
2014 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 14	1762	. . 0 . . 0									
2015 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 15	1900	. . 0 . . 0									
2016 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 16	1628	. . 0 . . 0									
2017 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 17	2034	. . 0 . . 0									
2018 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 18	1698	. . 0 . . 0									
2019 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 19	2592	. . 0 . . 0									
2020 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 20	1527	. . 0 . . 0									
2021 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 21	1687	. . 0 . . 0									
2022 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 22	2230	. . 0 . . 0									
2023 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 23	1468	. . 0 . . 0									
2024 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 24	1572	. . 0 . . 0									
2025 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 25	1904	. . 0 . . 0									
2026 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 26	1535	. . 0 . . 0									
2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	1791	. . 0 . . 0									
				WITH 0 OF 27 PR							
STRAIGHT PARTY				VOTES	PERCENT						
Vote for Not More Than 1											
01 = REPUBLICAN (REP)				0		05 = LIBERTARIA					
02 = DEMOCRATIC (DEM)				0		06 = NATURAL LA					
03 = GREEN (GRE)				0		07 = OVER VOTES					
04 = U.S. TAXPAYERS (UST)				0		08 = UNDER VOTE					
				01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 1 (Offices)

STATEMENT OF VOTES		COUNTY OF NEWAYGO			
The whole number of votes given by the REPUBLICAN Party for candidates for the office of DISTRICT #1 COMMISSIONER		Put figures in this column			
was SIX HUNDRED FOUR			6	0	4
and they were given for the following named persons:					
PERSONS RECEIVING THE VOTES	NUMBER OF VOTES WRITTEN IN WORDS				
1. JULIA BIRD	THREE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT		3	4	8
2. JULIUS J. TRAPP	TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX		2	5	6
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
TOTAL			6	0	4
The whole number of votes given by the REPUBLICAN Party for candidates for the office of DISTRICT #2 COMMISSIONER					
was FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE			5	6	5
and they were given for the following named persons:					
PERSONS RECEIVING THE VOTES	NUMBER OF VOTES WRITTEN IN WORDS				
1. ROSSWELL FULTON, JR	TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE		2	6	3
2. CHUCK TRAPP	THREE HUNDRED TWO		3	0	2
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
TOTAL			5	6	5
The whole number of votes given by the REPUBLICAN Party for candidates for the office of DISTRICT #3 COMMISSIONER					
was SIX HUNDRED TEN			6	1	0
and they were given for the following named persons:					
PERSONS RECEIVING THE VOTES	NUMBER OF VOTES WRITTEN IN WORDS				
1. STANLEY NIEBOER	SIX HUNDRED TEN		6	1	0
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
TOTAL			6	1	0

Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 2 (Proposals)

STATEMENT OF VOTES		COUNTY OF NEWAYGO			
The whole number of votes given for and against the		Put figures in this column			
Road Patrol Operating Millage (Renewal)					
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Newaygo County, Michigan, be renewed and the County authorized to levy one (1) mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2007 - 2016, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing operating millage to the County of Newaygo for the operation of Road Patrol, investigative and emergency services of the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department? Said Millage, if approved, will provide estimated revenue of \$1,311,490.00 in the first calendar year after its approval.					
was	FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ONE	5	9	0	1
of which number	FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN	4	3	1	9
votes were marked	YES				
and	ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO	1	5	8	2
votes were marked	NO				
TOTAL VOTES		5	9	0	1
The whole number of votes given for and against the					
Commission on Aging Operating Millage (Renewal)					
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Newaygo County, Michigan, be renewed and the County authorized to levy .5 mill (\$.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2007 - 2016, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing operating millage for the continuation of the senior citizen services through the Newaygo County Commission on Aging? Said Millage, if approved, will provide estimated revenue of \$655,745.00 in the first calendar year after its approval.					
was	FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN	5	9	1	5
of which number	FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN	4	8	1	0
votes were marked	YES				
and	ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE	1	1	0	5
votes were marked	NO				
TOTAL VOTES		5	9	1	5

Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 3 (Write-in Votes)

State of Michigan Write-In Vote Certification Report

Name of County:

Election Date:[illegible]

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WRITE-INS

A. Entry of Write-In Votes on the County Canvassers' Report

The entry of write-in votes on the County Canvassers' Report requires special consideration. Election inspectors are instructed to record write-in votes exactly as they were cast. For example, the Board of County Canvassers may find that the following write-in votes were cast for a particular office:

John A. Smith – County Treasurer – 16 votes.
Jon Smith – County Treasurer – 2 votes
J.A. Smith – County Treasurer – 1 vote
J. Smithe – County Treasurer – 1 vote.

It is the Board of County Canvassers' responsibility to review all write-in votes and determine how they are to be counted. In *Petrie v Curtis*, 387 Mich 436 (1972), the Michigan Supreme Court stated:

“Where the intent of the voter as expressed by his ballot, when considered in the light of such surrounding circumstances, is not doubtful, the ballot should be counted and allowed for the person intended.”

Consequently, the Board may accept variations in the spelling of a write-in candidate's name if the candidate's identity can be determined without doubt.

B. “Declaration of Intent” Requirement

An individual who wishes to seek nomination or election to a federal, state, county, city, township or school office with write-in votes is required to file a “declaration of intent” with the appropriate election official by 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the election. The local clerk is responsible for notifying the precinct board of any write-in candidates who filed a declaration of intent in a timely manner.

- A write-in vote cast for an individual who has **not** filed a declaration of intent **does not count**. Similarly, a write-in vote cast for an individual who filed a declaration of intent does not count unless the office for which the write-in vote was cast corresponds to the office identified on the declaration of intent; if a partisan primary, a write-in vote cast for an individual who filed a declaration of intent does not count unless the **office and party** correspond. Precinct boards do not record write-in votes which do not count for the above stated reasons.
- The declaration of intent requirement is **waived** if a candidate appearing on the ballot for the office involved dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately preceding the election. If the waiver is invoked, the precinct boards involved are instructed to record all write-in votes cast for the office including any write-in votes cast for candidates who did not file a declaration of intent.

C. Determining if a Write-In Candidate has been Nominated or Elected

- If the office involved appears on a **partisan or nonpartisan general election ballot**, a write-in candidate is elected to the office if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate seeking the office; a minimum number of write-in votes is not required.
- If the office involved appears on a **nonpartisan primary ballot**, a write-in candidate is nominated to the office if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate seeking nomination to the office; again, a minimum number of write-in votes is not required.
- If the office involved appears on any **partisan primary ballot**, a write-in candidate is nominated to the office if he or she 1) receives more votes than any other candidate seeking the position and 2) meets a vote threshold provided under Michigan election. (MCLA

168.582) Under the vote threshold formula, the number of votes received by the write-in candidate must equal the greater of the following:

- 1) 10 votes.
- 2) .15 of 1% (.0015) of the total population, as reflected by the last official federal census, of the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate.
- 3) **Apply following only if write-in candidate seeks nomination to an office for which only one candidate is to be elected:** 5% (.05) of the greatest number of votes cast under the write-in candidate's party for all candidates running for any office for which only one candidate is to be elected within the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate. To determine the number of votes required under this formula:
 - A. Working with the write-in candidate's party, identify the "Vote for One" office on the ballot that received the greatest total number of votes. In a partisan primary, this office is typically a "top of the ticket" office, i.e., Governor or U.S. Senator. Do not take into consideration any office where more than one candidate is to be elected (e.g., township trustee).
 - B. Next, determine the total number of votes received by all candidates who ran for that office within the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate. (For example, if the write-in candidate ran for a countywide office, it would be necessary to include all of the votes cast for all of the candidates running for the office that received the greatest number of votes within the county. If the write-in candidate ran for a township office, it would only be necessary to include all of the votes cast for all of the candidates running for the office that received the highest number of votes within the township.)
 - C. Take 5% of that number to find the number of votes required under this formula.

EXAMPLE: Write-In candidate seeking a township clerk position.

- A. The office that received the greatest total number of votes under the write-in candidate's party was the office of U.S. Senator.
 - B. The total number of votes received in the township by all candidates who ran for U.S. Senator under the write-in candidate's party was 100.
 - C. As a result, the number of votes required under this formula is 5 (5% of 100).
- 4) **Apply following only if write-in candidate seeks nomination to an office for which more than one candidate is to be elected:** 5% (.05) of the greatest number of votes cast under either party on the ballot for any candidate seeking the same office as the write-in candidate.

B. Certificate of Determination (MCL 168.826)

After the Board of County Canvassers has documented the votes cast for each candidate and ballot question on the ballot, the Board must determine the winning candidate and the outcome of ballot questions for those offices and ballot questions which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying. The offices and ballot questions which the Board is responsible for certifying are explained earlier in this manual. To complete the necessary certifications, the Board examines the vote totals for the offices and ballot questions involved. The determinations are entered on the appropriate pages in the County Canvassers' Report.

CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION	
STATE OF MICHIGAN)	
) ss.	
COUNTY OF NEWAYGO)	
The Board of Canvassers of the <u>COUNTY</u> of <u>NEWAYGO</u> <small>(COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)</small> <small>(COUNTY, CITY TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)</small>	
having Ascertained and Canvassed the Votes of said <u>COUNTY OF NEWAYGO</u> <small>(COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)</small>	
at the <u>PRIMARY</u> Election, held on the <u>8TH</u> day of <u>AUGUST</u>	
in the year Two Thousand <u>SIX</u> .	
Do Hereby Certify and Determine	
That <u>JULIA BIRD</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #1</u>	
That <u>CHUCK TRAPP</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #2</u>	
That <u>STANLEY NIEBOER</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #3</u>	
That <u>ROBERT VANBELZEN</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #4</u>	
That <u>ADAM WRIGHT</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #5</u>	
That <u>PAT GARDNER</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #6</u>	
That <u>DANIEL POWELL</u>	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the <u>REPUBLICAN</u> Party for the office of <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT #7</u>	
That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the _____ Party for the office of _____	
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the _____ Party for the office of _____	
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the _____ Party for the office of _____	
That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by
the _____ Party for the office of _____	

C. Certification of County Canvassers' Report (MCL 168.825)

Each report must be certified by the Board of County Canvassers, under their hands and the seal of the Circuit Court of the county, and must be attested by the clerk of the board (county clerk).

CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION			
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
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the _____	Party for the office of _____		
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the _____	Party for the office of _____		
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
	That _____	having received sufficient number of votes is nominated candidate by	
the _____	Party for the office of _____		
Do Further Hereby Determine			
That the following Propositions or questions were passed or defeated as indicated below:			
1.	<u>ROAD PATROL OPERATING RENEWAL</u> NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was <u>Passed</u> Defeated
2.	<u>COMM ON AGING OPERATING RENEWAL</u> NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was <u>Passed</u> Defeated
In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal			
SEAL		of the <u>COUNTY</u> <small>(COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)</small> of <u>NEWAYGO</u> <small>(COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)</small>	
		this <u>10TH</u> day of <u>AUGUST</u>	
		in the year <u>TWO THOUSAND SIX</u>	
ATTEST:		<div style="text-align: right;"><u>Dallas Dean</u> CHAIRMAN BOARD OF CANVASSERS</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><u>Christine M. Schaefer</u> <u>Stanley R. Insivold</u></div>	
<u>Laurel J. Breuker</u> CLERK OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS LAUREL J. BREUKER		<u>Dallas Dean</u> CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS	

D. Additional Notes Regarding County Canvassers' Report

- Sample copies of EMS generated Statements of Votes along with addendum documents are available in the Appendix.
- If the County Canvassers' Report has been prepared for the Board by computer or other means, the Board is responsible for checking the figures to verify that no mistakes appear on the form.
- In counties where the County Canvassers' Report is completed by hand, it is recommended that two County Canvassers' Reports be completed by two teams working independently. The two reports are then checked against one another to verify the accuracy of the figures entered on the forms. (The second team should not complete the second County Canvassers' Report by copying the figures from the first County Canvassers' Report as this would defeat the purpose of the procedure!)
- Regardless of the procedures used in the county to produce the County Canvassers' Report, it is essential that each candidate and question voted on in each precinct is listed; all figures are accurate; all math is accurate; and all entries are legible.

2. Transmitting Determinations, County Vote Totals and Precinct Results to Secretary of State (State Vote Totals Form)

The canvass of a state primary or general election includes the preparation of documents for the transmission of pertinent data to the Secretary of State. The Election Night Reporting (e-ENR) program used by county clerks to electronically transmit unofficial election night returns for federal and state level offices is also used to transmit the official returns to the Secretary of State following the completion of the county canvass.

- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding to the Secretary of State any determinations made on U.S. Representative, State Senate and State House races. (As explained earlier, a Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying a primary or election held in a U.S. Representative, State Senate, or State House district if the district is wholly contained within the county.)
- After each statewide primary or election, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding to the Secretary of State 1) the total vote cast in the county 2) the total vote cast in the county for each candidate seeking any of the offices listed below and 3) the total "YES" and "NO" vote cast in the county for any statewide proposals on the ballot.

The e-ENR program must be used to transmit the vote totals to the Secretary of State. Following electronic transmission, a paper copy of the official e-ENR canvass report must be printed, certified and forwarded to the Bureau of Elections **within 24 hours after the completion of the canvass.**

NOTE: Instructions for using the e-ENR program for election night reporting and to generate the official results that must be transmitted to the Secretary of State following the

canvass are available in the Appendix. A sample e-ENR report is also included in the Appendix.

The vote totals provided electronically and on the printed report are used by the Board of State Canvassers to complete the certification of the primary or election for the following offices:

President and Vice-President;
Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
U.S. Senator;
U.S. Representative in Congress;
Secretary of State;
Attorney General;
State Senator;
State Representative;
Supreme Court Justice;
State Board of Education Member;
University of Michigan Regent;
Michigan State University Trustee;
Wayne State University Governor;
Court of Appeals Judge;
Circuit Court Judge;
District Court Judge; and
Probate District Judge (multi-county district).

Sample State Vote Totals Form (e-ENR Report)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau Of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS
(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: **ALGER**
County Code: **(02)**

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau Of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

IMPORTANT

FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- 1.) Check for candidate name omissions on this form by comparing it against the candidate names printed on the county's ballots. If an omission is found, contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
- 2.) Enter all totals in words and numerals. Example: Three Hundred twenty-one (321). Do not fail to enter the county's Poll Book total below. When entering total number of votes cast for all candidates for a particular office, DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.
- 3.) Double check all entries for errors. There can be no discrepancies in the totals recorded on this form, the totals entered on the Official County Canvassers' Statement and the precinct results certified for your county. Complete accuracy is of extreme importance as the totals entered on this form represent the official record of the election.
- 4.) After completing the form, affix all required signatures and county seal on the last page.
- 5.) Mail the original copy of this form to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections as soon as it is completed.

POLL BOOK TOTAL

The TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE voting at this election as shown by the POLL BOOK

was **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE**

(1855).

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Bureau Of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS
(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: **ALGER (02) (Office Code: 02000000):**

Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

			Number of Votes
REP	DeVos, Dick	received THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO	votes. 372
REP	Write-In Boven, Louis C.	received ZERO	votes. 0
DEM	Granholm, Jennifer M.	received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT	votes. 1178

The total number of votes cast for (Office Code: 02000000):

Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

was **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY** votes. **1550**
(Enter the sum of the votes cast for ONLY the candidates listed above. DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.)

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Bureau Of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
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Phone: (517) 373-2540

Official County Vote Totals
(Summary of County Canvassers' Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

State of Michigan County of ALGER ss.

We Hereby Certify, That the foregoing is a correct transcript of the Statement of the Board of County Canvassers, of the County of ALGER, of the votes given in such County for the indicated candidates at the Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, as appears from the original statement on file in the office of the County Clerk.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court
for the County of ALGER this _____ day of _____, _____.

Board of County
Canvassers'

Signatures

Attest:

(Seal)

Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers

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- In addition to the above transmission, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding to the Secretary of State after each statewide primary or election 1) the total vote cast in **each precinct** in the county 2) the total vote cast in each precinct in the county for each candidate seeking any of the offices listed below and 3) the total “YES” and “NO” vote cast in each precinct in the county for any statewide proposals on the ballot.

The form used to transmit the precinct results can be a photocopy of the appropriate pages of the County Canvassers’ Report for the offices listed below.

Like the county’s vote totals, the precinct results must be forwarded to the Bureau of Elections **within 24 hours after the completion of the canvass**. The precinct results provided by each county are used by the Department of State’s Bureau of Elections to compile statewide results by precinct for the offices and questions involved. (MCLA 168.812)

President and Vice-President;
Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
U.S. Senator;
U.S. Representative in Congress;
Secretary of State;
Attorney General;
State Senator;
State Representative;
State Board of Education Member;
University of Michigan Regent;
Michigan State University Trustee;
Wayne State University Governor;
Supreme Court Justice.

3. Transmitting Vote Totals and Precinct Results to Local Levels

The canvass of a county or local primary or election includes the preparation of documents for the transmission of the results of the canvass to the appropriate local officials.

- If a county primary or general election is involved, additional documentation of the canvass is not necessary as the county clerk will have access to all of the original documents used and prepared at the canvass.
- If a city or township primary or general election is involved, the Board of County Canvassers sends the election official who administered the election (city clerk or township clerk) copies of the appropriate pages of the County Canvassers’ Report to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate and for and against each question on the ballot; a precinct breakdown of the vote totals; and the determinations made by the Board. The preparation of additional documents may be required. Arrangements for the completion of any additional documents are made by the county clerk with the local official involved.

- If a school election is involved, the Board of County Canvassers completes and sends to the school district's election coordinator a specially prepared document to certify the total number of votes cast for each candidate and for and against each question on the ballot. The document may be supplied by the county clerk or the law firm that represents the school district. In addition, the following procedure is followed:
 - A copy of the election certification is sent to the county treasurer along with two acknowledgement forms. The county treasurer completes the acknowledgement forms and returns them to the county clerk. The county clerk forwards the completed forms to the school district's election coordinator.
 - In addition, the county clerk provides the school district's election coordinator with two acknowledgement statements to confirm that a certification of the election was provided to the school district and to the county treasurer.
 - The school district provides a copy of the election certification to the intermediate school district and to the clerk of each city, township and village in the school district. In addition, the school district provides its law firm with any requested documentation.

VI. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A COUNTY CANVASS: FINAL STEPS

1. Breaking Tie Votes

In those rare instances where it is revealed through the county canvass that two candidates are tied for nomination or election to an office certified by the Board, the tie is determined by a drawing. (A tie vote on a ballot question defeats the ballot question; a tie breaking procedure is not followed.) As an initial step, the Board consults with the county clerk to establish a date when the tied candidates and all interested parties can assemble in the office of the county clerk to participate in the drawing. Upon the establishment of a date, the Board sends notice of the meeting to the candidates and interested parties. At the meeting, the county clerk writes the word “ELECTED” on a slip of paper and the words “NOT ELECTED” on an identical slip of paper. Both of the slips are folded so that the words written on them cannot be seen and the two slips are indistinguishable from one another. Each candidate then draws one of the slips from a box. The candidate who draws the slip which bears the word “ELECTED” is deemed legally elected to the office involved. (MCLA 168.851)

- If an affected candidate fails to appear at the meeting, the county clerk has the authority to appoint any person present to draw a slip for the absent candidate.
- If the office of county clerk is involved, the drawing must be conducted before the county sheriff.
- The defeated candidate may petition for a recount of the votes cast on the office if he or she feels that a mistake has occurred in the canvass of the votes.
- It is recommended that a written record of the drawing be kept by the county clerk.

2. Release of Results

After a general election, the county clerk is required to send the votes cast for candidates seeking the office of state senator or state representative to the newspapers in the county **if the office was certified by the Board of County Canvassers.** (MCLA 168.172) (As explained earlier, a Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying an election held in a state senate or state house district if the district is wholly contained within the county.) In all other instances, the county clerk may at his or her discretion notify the local media of the results of primaries and elections held in the county. (MCLA 168.826)

3. Issuance of Certificates of Election

After a federal, state, county, city, township or village election canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the county clerk is responsible for sending all candidates declared elected to office by the Board a certificate of election. (MCLA 168.826) After a school election canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the school district's "election coordinator" is required to notify each elected candidate of his or her election to office. (MCL 168.309 as amended under PA 288 of 2004).

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

State of Michigan
County of Eaton

I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Election held on May 6, 2008, **Martha Brunger Parks** having received a sufficient number of votes was elected to the office of **Library Board Member** of the **Grand Ledge Area District Library** as determined by the Board of County Canvassers of Eaton County.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Friday, May 9, 2008.

SEAL

Fran Fuller
Eaton County Clerk

4. Issuance of Certificates of Nomination

After a federal, state, county, city or township primary canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the county clerk may choose to send all candidates who received party nominations to office by the Board a Certificate of Nomination.

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Gerrit W. Vander Kamp
11412 E. Indian Lake Drive
Vicksburg MI 49097

State of Michigan }
 }SS
County of Kalamazoo }

I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Primary Election held on August 8, 2006, Gerrit W. Vander Kamp receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the Republican Party nomination to the office of Brady Township Trustee, as determined by the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court for said County, this 15th day of August 2006.

{ Seal }

Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk

5. Disposition of Canvass Documents

The original County Canvassers' Report executed by the Board of County Canvassers and all determinations made by the Board are forwarded to the county clerk. The materials are kept by the county clerk as a permanent record of the canvass. (MCLA 168.826) All of the other records used by the Board to complete the canvass are retained by the county clerk for two years after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.811)

VII. RECOUNTS

A candidate for a federal, state, county, city, township, village or school office who feels that the canvass of the votes cast on the office is incorrect because of fraud or error in the precinct returns may petition for a recount of the votes cast in the precincts involved. Candidates seeking a precinct delegate position do not have the right to petition for a recount. (MCLA 168.862)

In addition, a registered elector who voted at an election at which a question appeared on the ballot, who feels that the canvass of the votes cast on the question is incorrect because of fraud or error in the precinct returns may petition for a recount of the votes cast in the precincts involved. (MCLA 168.863)

- A recount of the votes cast for a county, city township, village or school office or on a county, city, township, village or school ballot question is conducted by the Board of County Canvassers. (MCLA 168.24a) A recount of the votes cast for 1) a statewide office 2) the office of representative in congress, state senator or state representative or 3) a judicial office (except probate judge in a single county district) is conducted by the Board of State Canvassers. (MCLA 168.879)
- A person who wishes to obtain a recount must submit a written, notarized statement which specifies the office or question involved; alleges that the canvass of the vote cast for the office or on the question is in error; and identifies the precincts in which a recount of the votes cast is desired. (MCL 168.865) The written statement is commonly referenced as a “recount petition.” A \$10.00 deposit must be submitted with a recount petition for each precinct in which a recount is requested. The deposit is refunded if the recount changes the outcome of the election. If the recount does not change the result of the election, the deposit is kept by the county. (MCL 168.867)
- A recount petition is filed with the clerk of the board of canvassers that certified the office or ballot question. (**EXCEPTION:** A petition for a recount of the votes cast for the office of Representative in Congress, State Senator or State Representative is filed with the Secretary of State – even if the office is certified on the county level. The petition must be received no later than forty-eight hours following the completion of the state canvass). If the recount petition is filed on the county, city, township or village level, it must be received by the clerk no later than the sixth day after the completion of the canvass. If the recount petition is filed on the county level, a copy of the petition must be forwarded to the Secretary of State within two (2) days after its receipt. If the recount petition is filed on the city, township, village or school level, a copy of the petition must be forwarded to the county clerk within 24 hours of its receipt. (MCLA 168.866)

PETITION FOR A RECOUNT

(County/City/Township/Village)

I, _____, the petitioner reside at
_____, petition the _____
(County)

Board of Canvassers for a recount of the votes cast for the _____
(Office/District/Party or Question)

at the _____ election. I believe that fraud or errors were committed by
the precinct election inspectors in their canvass of returns of the votes cast at the above
referenced election. An additional explanation of the fraud or error is provided (optional):

I request that the following precinct(s) and/or absent voter counting board (AVCB) precinct(s)
within the listed jurisdictions be recounted:

Precinct/AVCB Number	Name of Jurisdiction
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(List additional precincts on the back or attach additional sheets)

My deposit of \$_____ is enclosed. (\$10.00 for each precinct/AVCB precinct to be recounted)

Signature of Candidate/Voter: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
_____ day of _____ 20____

Name of Notary: _____

County: _____

(Signature of Notary Public)

Commission Expires _____

- Upon the receipt of a recount petition on the county level, the Board of County Canvassers is summoned by the county clerk to conduct the recount. **If the recount involves a county or district office or ballot question, the Board cannot begin the recount until after the county clerk has determined whether the county must participate in any recounts requested on the state level.** If a recount petition has been filed on the state level which involves the county, the conduct of both recounts (the recount requested on the county level and the recount requested on the state level) are coordinated through the Department of State's Bureau of Elections.
- If a Board of County Canvassers recounts the votes cast on a city, township, village or school office or on a question, the expense of conducting the recount is charged back to the local unit. The local unit is then responsible for paying the expenses to the county treasurer. (MCLA 168.869)
- A recount is conducted as provided under Michigan election law (MCLA 168.841 – 894) and Promulgated Rules for Electronic Voting Systems (R 168.793).
- There are three scenarios that can cause a precinct to be determined unrecountable:
 1. The seal is NOT placed on the ballot container in such a way to ensure that ballots cannot be inserted or removed from the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.
 2. The number on the ballot container seal does NOT agree with the number recorded in the Poll Book, Statement of Votes or ballot container certificate that is signed, dated and attested to by two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties.
 3. The total number of ballots, as reflected by a physical count, does NOT agree with the number of voters as shown in the Poll Book and an acceptable explanation as to the reason for the discrepancy cannot be identified. (In making this determination it is important that all efforts be made to identify the reason for the discrepancy, including a review of the following: 1) spoiled and/or defective ballots 2) duplicate ballots and corresponding original ballots 3) provisional envelope ballots 4) remarks page notations and 5) Statement of Votes (Totals Tape)).

Note: If a discrepancy is found that cannot be explained and it is found that the number of ballots counted corresponds to the total number of ballots tabulated on election night as reflected on the Totals Tape, the precinct is recountable. In such an instance:

- If the number of voter names entered in the Poll Book *exceeds* the number of ballots counted, it is apparent that certain voters entered in the Poll Book left the precinct without voting.
- If the number of ballots counted *exceeds* the number of names entered in the Poll Book, it is apparent that the precinct board failed to enter the names of certain voters in the Poll Book.

The following recount materials are provided in the Appendix for your review:

- Petition for Recount
- Pre-Recount Meeting Agenda
- Optical Scan Validity Standards
- Challenge Exhibit Envelope/Form
- Recount Statement of Returns - Form Instructions
- Recount Statement of Returns
- Determination – Precinct Not Recountable
- Post-Recount Meeting Agenda
- Recount Statement of Precincts

VIII. TESTING DEFECTIVE VOTING EQUIPMENT

The vote cast on an office or a ballot question is void if it can be proven under the procedures detailed below that a “defect in or a mechanical malfunction of a voting device, ballot or other election equipment or material” could have made a difference in the outcome of the election. A special mail election is then conducted to correct the matter. (MCLA 168.831 – 839)

- If an office is involved, the procedures for conducting a special mail election are not initiated unless a candidate affected by the problem files a petition which requests that a special mail election be held. If a ballot question is involved, the procedures for conducting a special mail election are not initiated unless a registered elector who participated in the election (as evidenced by the Poll Book) files a petition which requests that a special mail election be held. (MCLA 168.832)
- A petition making such a request must be filed within ten (10) days **after the date of the election** with the clerk or secretary of the board of canvassers that certified the office or ballot question. (MCLA 168.832) (Note that the petition filing deadline could fall before the completion of the canvass.) The petition must describe the problem which may have affected the outcome of the vote on the office or ballot question; identify the precincts involved; list the number appearing on the voting device(s) involved (if applicable); and be signed and certified by the candidate or registered elector as appropriate. (MCLA 168.833)
- If a petition requesting a special mail election is filed on the county level, the county clerk reviews its contents to determine whether it complies with the requirements noted above. If the requirements have been met, the county clerk schedules a meeting of the Board of County Canvassers. The meeting must be held within five (5) days after the filing of the petition. The county clerk must contact the following persons by phone or a first class letter to advise them of the time and place of the meeting (MCLA 168.835):
 - The appropriate local election official.
 - **If an office on a special, general or nonpartisan ballot is involved:** All other candidates who sought the same office.
 - **If an office on a partisan primary ballot is involved:** All other candidates who sought nomination to the same office under the same party vignette.
 - **If a ballot question is involved:** The sponsor of the ballot question, any Ballot Question Committees organized to support or oppose the proposal, and the registered elector who filed the petition.
- When the meeting is held, the Board of County Canvassers reviews the facts involved and orders that a special mail election be held in each precinct affected by a “defect in or a

mechanical malfunction of a voting device, ballot or other election equipment or material” if the following is established: 1) an elector could not cast a valid vote in the precinct for the petitioning candidate or for or against the ballot question because of the defect or mechanical malfunction and 2) based on the available canvass, the number of electors who could not cast valid votes for the office or for or against the ballot question because of the defect or mechanical malfunction is greater than the number of votes separating the candidates getting the most and the second most number of votes or is greater than the number of votes separating the total “YES” votes and the total “NO” votes. (MCLA 168.836)

- If a special election is ordered by the Board of County Canvassers, mail ballots are sent to the electors who voted in the affected precinct(s) by the clerk of the city or township in which the precinct or precincts are located. The ballots must be sent within five (5) calendar days after the order for the special mail election is issued by the Board of County Canvassers. A note from the Board of County Canvassers must be included with each ballot which requests the elector to vote on the office or question as he or she voted (or attempted to vote) in the primary or election. (MCLA 168.837) It is important to note that the special mail ballots are sent to only those electors who **actually voted** in the precinct or precincts involved at the primary or election. If the absent voter ballots cast in the precinct were not affected, the special mail ballots are not sent to the absentee voters.
- The electors who are sent special mail ballots have five (5) calendar days to return them. (MCLA 168.837) The ballots are counted by a specially convened counting board. If the absent voter ballots cast in the precinct were not affected, the votes cast on the office or question by the precinct’s absent voters must be added to the tally of the special mail ballots. (MCLA 168.838)
- A recount of the votes cast under the special mail election provisions cannot be requested. (MCLA 168.839)

IX. BALLOT CONTAINER INSPECTIONS

The Board of County Canvassers must complete a countywide ballot container inspection by June 1 of every gubernatorial election year. Ballot container “approved” and “disapproved” stickers are provided through the Department of State’s Bureau of Elections. (MCLA 168.24j)

**THIS BALLOT CONTAINER HAS BEEN
APPROVED UNTIL MAY 31, 2014**

By the _____ County Board of Canvassers
for the storage of ballots in accordance with the provisions
of Public Act 207 of 2000.

Date _____

ED 4 (11/09) Authority Granted By P.A. 116 of 1954

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF STATE

**THIS BALLOT CONTAINER HAS BEEN
APPROVED UNTIL MAY 31, 2014**

By the _____
County Board of Canvassers for the storage of ballots in
accordance with the provisions of Public Act 207 of 2000.

Michigan Department of State

Date _____

ED 4T (02/2010) Authority Granted by PA 116 of 1954

REMOVE UNTIL JUNE 1, 2014
TO EXPOSE ADHESIVE REM
OVING LABEL FROM TAPOUT

**NOT APPROVED FOR USE AS
A BALLOT CONTAINER**

By the _____ County Board of Canvassers

Date _____

ED 4-DA (2/06) Authority Granted By P.A. 116 of 1954

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF STATE

All ballot containers owned by the county and the cities, townships, villages and school districts located within the county must be included in the inspection. The term “ballot container” is used to mean any containers used to transport and secure optical scan ballots, electronic voting system programs and test data or any other materials which must be retained under security.

Notwithstanding the June 1 deadline for conducting the ballot container inspections, it is important to note that if a city, township or village conducts an election on the May election date, the ballot containers owned by the jurisdiction must not be inspected until the ballot security period for the May election has elapsed. (The ballot security period elapses 30 days after the election is certified.) As an exception, if the ballots cast at the May election are subject to a vote recount after the election, the county canvassing board may perform the ballot container inspections during the conduct of the recount.

Conduct of Ballot Container Inspections: Canvassing Board Quorum Required

- At least three members of the Board of County Canvassers must be present during the inspections and approval of the ballot containers used in the county.
- While the Board of County Canvassers may designate assistants to help with the ballot container inspections, the performance of the task cannot be delegated to individuals enlisted to assist with the task. As indicated above, at least three members of the Board of County Canvassers must be present whenever the ballot container inspections are being carried out.

Approval Stickers and Tags

- An “approved” sticker or tag must be affixed to every ballot container that passes the Board of Canvassers’ inspection.
- If the Board of County Canvassers inspects a ballot container that cannot be approved, the Board should place a sticker on the container which states: “NOT APPROVED FOR USE AS A BALLOT CONTAINER.”

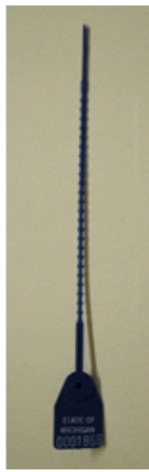
Approval Standards

TRADITIONAL BALLOT CANS: Michigan election law specified that a ballot container must have an “...opening through the inside lid of the proper size to admit a single ballot...” The law further states that ballot containers “...shall be provided with a second cover or a metal or wooden device for closing the opening to prevent access without unlocking the ballot box and breaking the seal.” See MCL 168.669.

TRANSFER CASES: The rules promulgated to administer electronic voting systems state that a transfer case must be “...capable of being sealed with a metal seal....” See Rule 168.771(1)(bb)

CONTAINERS USED TO SECURE AND TRANSPORT OPTICAL SCAN BALLOT MEMORY UNITS AND TEST DATA: While such containers are available in a wide variety of shaped and sizes, the containers must be capable of being sealed with an approved seal which after being attached to the container, prevents access to the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.

Approved Seals



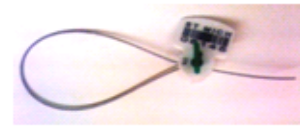
Pull Tite



Memory Pack



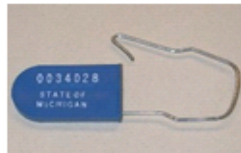
Chamber



Coated Wire Easy Twist



Easy Twist



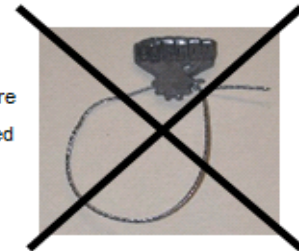
Padlock



Flat Metal with Horseshoe



Pull Tite – 11.75"



Lead Wire
No longer used

Dual-Sided Ballot Containers: Sealing Procedures

Important Policy Regarding Use of “Dual Seal” Ballot Containers

If any of the local jurisdictions in your county use the “dual seal” ballot containers produced by Business Records Corporation (see illustration below), please alert your canvassing board members and the local clerks who employ the containers that the containers cannot be approved unless:

- the small door is permanently sealed with a state-issued 15 ½ inch Pull Tight seal or a horseshoe and a state-issued metal Globe seal; and
- a completed ballot container tag that documents the serial number appearing on the permanent seal securing the small door, the date the small door was sealed and the individuals who sealed the small door is taped to the inside of the large door.

Small door: permanently seal with a state-issued Pull Tight seal or a horseshoe and a state-issued metal Globe seal.



Large door: tape completed ballot container tag inside large door.

Important Note Regarding the Approval of Ballot Containers Manufactured by Douglas

In 2002 all county clerks were alerted that the two ballot containers listed below are not fully “tamper resistant” as required under Michigan election law. Specifically, the sides of the containers can be pushed in to the point where a ballot can be inserted into the container without breaking the seal on the container.

Manufacturer	Model	Description
Douglas	DOSB-3	Square blue metal ballot container.
Douglas	DSN-1	Square silver metal ballot container.

If any of the jurisdictions in your county use the ballot containers referenced above, please alert your canvassing board members and the local clerks who employ the containers that the containers cannot be approved unless they have been modified to ensure that they are fully “tamper resistant.” As explained in the memo distributed on this matter in 2002, the ballot containers can be modified using one of the three methods below:

- Drill holes on each side of the container large enough to affix additional seals. Two additional seals must be used with this solution; all three seals must be recorded in the Poll Book.
- Affix double sided poster board tape to the inside of the lid. The tape should be placed approximately one half inch from the inside container wall. The tape may be purchased from most office supply stores.
- Purchase a “retro fit” kit from the manufacturer or an election supply vendor.

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COUNTY CANVASS CHECKLIST

Jurisdiction: _____ Date of Election: _____

The following records must be audited for each precinct and absent voter counting board precinct. Note: All corrections must be made in red.

Poll Book

- _____ 1. Cover page must be complete.
- _____ 2. Chairperson's oath must be completed and signed by the chairperson and the person who administered the oath.
- _____ 3. Group oath must be completed and signed by all inspectors and the person who administered the oath.
- _____ 4. Clerk's Preparation Certificate must be complete and signed by the clerk or authorize assistant.
- _____ 5. Election Inspector's Preparation Certificate must be complete and signed by all election inspectors present at the opening of the polls.
- _____ 6. Poll list section must include the name of every voter that was issued a ballot along with the names of the voters for whom an absent voter ballot was received for processing (if applicable) along with the serial number of the ballot that was issued to the voter.
- _____ 7. The letters "AV" must appear next to the name of each voter for whom an absent voter ballot was processed.
- _____ 8. The word "Spoiled" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter for whom a replacement ballot was issued – in each case the original ballot number must be crossed out and the replacement ballot number recorded.
- _____ 9. The word "Challenged – Envelope" or "Challenged – Provisional" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter whose ballot was processed as a provisional ballot.
- _____ 10. Challenged Voter page must document any challenges made at the election or the word "None" should appear indicating that no challenges were made.

- _____ 11. Write-in Tally page must list the name of each “declared” write-in candidate that received a valid write-in vote (a separate entry should be made for each variation in names was written on ballots by the voters, e.g. Bob Smith, Clerk, Dem. I, Robert Smith, Clerk, Dem, III, Smith, Clerk, Dem, II. The word “None” should appear if no write-in candidates filed.
- _____ 12. Remarks page should document any unusual events that occurred during the course of the election, explanations for discrepancies in the poll list section or Election Inspectors Certificate or the names of election inspectors who left prior to the close of the polls.
- _____ 13. Certificate of Election Inspectors must be complete:
- Ballot Summary section must *accurately* account for all ballots received by the board including used, unused and absent voter ballots. Note: The number of ballots issued will be greater than the number of ballots tabulated if one or more provisional envelope ballots were issued as these ballots were not tabulated. In this case, verify that the words “Challenged – Envelope” appears in the Poll List section next to the name of each voter that was issued an envelope ballot. The number of envelope ballots issued plus the number of ballots tabulated must equal the total number of voters that were issued a ballot.
 - Ballot container seal number must be recorded and attested to by two inspectors.
 - If the program was removed from the tabulator, the number on the seal used to seal the transport container must be recorded and attested to by two inspectors.
 - All inspectors present at the close of the polls must sign the certificate. Check the oath section and remarks page to determine which names should appear.

Statements of Votes

- _____ 14. Each copy must contain:
- Signed copy of the Totals Tape (all inspectors present at the close of the polls must sign)
 - Record of all write-in votes as tallied in the Poll Book
 - Complete text of any proposals that appeared on the ballot
 - Ballot container seal number and signatures of two inspectors that sealed the container
 - Signatures of all inspectors present at the close of the polls

Errors/Omissions/Comments Report to official responsible for administering the election:

Instructions for e-ENR

The Election Night Reporting (e-ENR) Electronic Filing Program has been developed to provide for electronic transmission of county-by-county election night returns. In addition, the program provides faster and more accurate information to the public. The instructions below are provided to assist you with completing your online filing. These instructions can be used in conjunction with the instructional aids in the application. These instructional aids include:

- Help Function: As you go through the program/system/forms, you will find a "Help Button" will direct you to contact Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quirogael@michigan.gov.
- Instructions on the pages: Throughout the application, the wording has been carefully designed to assist you in completing the forms.
- Each county will receive a walk through training over the phone before the election.
- Bureau staff will be available the entire election night to assist when needed.

Required Browser and JAVA Script Enabled

You must have Internet Explorer 6.x or higher for using the application. All users must have JAVA Script enabled on their chosen browser.

GETTING STARTED

1. Go to the website link provided to you via email by the Bureau of Elections. The link cannot be provided here for security reasons.

The first page you will see is the Login page. See illustration and instructions below to complete the form.

The screenshot shows the Michigan Department of State website header with the Michigan seal and the text "Department of State" and "Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Michigan.gov Home", "SOS Home", "Elections in Michigan Home", and "Contact SOS". A note indicates that an asterisk (*) denotes required fields. The main form is titled "LOGIN FOR ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS KEYING" and contains two input fields: "Login ID:" and "Password:". Below the form are two buttons: "Login" and "Clear All".

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Login ID#: Enter the Login ID provided by the Bureau of Elections.

If you do not have your Login ID, contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-373-2540 for assistance.

Password: Enter the password assigned to the county exactly as it was provided to you. If you need to request a password, Contact the Bureau of Elections.

Click the "Login" Button to continue into the e-ENR program.

If any of the information in the Login page is incorrect, you will be given an opportunity to correct the information. A window will appear that explains the error. You can then correct the information.

Abort the session, by closing the browser, and contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-373-2540 if you believe you accessed the incorrect county information.

SELECT THE REPORT TO BE FILED

After successfully entering the login information, you will proceed to a page to the Election Night Results Keying page.

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ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS KEYING

ELECTION YEAR: 2002	ELECTION TYPE: Primary	ELECTION DATE: 08/06/2002
COUNTY NAME: ALCONA	OFFICE/PROPOSALS: -All Statewide Offices and Proposals-	
<input type="button" value="Key Results"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>		
OFFICIAL COUNTY CANVASS PRINTING		
Once you have submitted "Official" results for the county, you will be able to generate the Official County Canvass report.		
Official Canvass printing requires the use of <u>Adobe Acrobat Reader</u> . Once the Reader is installed, or if you know you already have it, press the button below to generate your county's Official Canvass for later submission to the Bureau of Elections.		
<input type="button" value="Generate Official Canvass"/> <input type="button" value="Help"/>		

Office/Proposals: Can be used to select a specific office or proposal to key. Generally, you would leave this at the default position


Key Results: Click to move to the key entry screen. You may key and resubmit your numbers at any time to correct results. Hint: The numeric key pad and "Enter" key works best for keying the results

Reset: Click to reset the screen.

Generate Official Canvass: This button generates your official canvass form that must be signed by your County Board of Canvassers and the County Seal applied to it. You will mail this form back to the Bureau of Elections as in previous years. **Only use when you have entered all of your final numbers.** Note: You can only generate the Official Canvass after you have submitted your official results to the Bureau of Election electronically: See "SUBMIT YOUR RESULTS! Re-Enter Password For Security" below.

Help: Click the Help button to access contact information for Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quirogae1@michigan.gov.

KEYING RESULTS INTO THE SCREEN


Department of State
 Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State
michigan.gov

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS KEYING

ELECTION YEAR: 2002		ELECTION TYPE: Primary		ELECTION DATE: 09/06/2002	
COUNTY NAME: ALGER		OFFICE/PROPOSALS: -All Statewide Offices and Proposals-			
POLL BOOK TOTAL FOR COUNTY:		2266			
TOTAL VOTES PER CANDIDATE OR BALLOT PROPOSAL					
OFFICE DESCRIPTION	PARTY	COM ID#	CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES	
Governor	REP	510463	Posthumus Dick	315	
Governor	REP	510336	Schwarz John Joe	46	
Governor	REP	510276	Brown Angelo Scott	0	
Governor	DEM	510216	Blanchard James J.	466	
Governor	DEM	510359	Bonior David E.	439	
Governor	DEM	510278	Granholm Jennifer M.	761	
Governor	DEM	510527	Stevenson Tracey Elaine	0	
United States Senator	REP	-244	Raczowski Andrew	295	
United States Senator	DEM	-242	Levin Carl	1338	
Representative in Congress	REP	-271	Birgel Don	134	
Representative in Congress	REP	-233	Hooper Don	159	
Representative in Congress	DEM	-229	Stupak Bart	1443	
State Senator	REP	510738	Schoenow David	283	
State Senator	DEM	511104	Bovin Doug	374	
State Senator	DEM	510992	Prusi Michael	1228	
State Representative	REP	511004	Hafeman Jim	260	
State Representative	DEM	509576	Adamini Stephen	1241	
Judge of the Court of Appeals	NPA	510684	Brennan, Jr Thomas E.	284	
Judge of the Court of Appeals	NPA	510520	Cavanagh James G.	696	
Judge of the Court of Appeals	NPA	510689	Schuelte Bill	304	
Judge of the District Court	NPA	510993	Harmon Kirt L.	550	
Judge of the District Court	NPA	510935	Luoma Mark E.	925	
Judge of the District Court	NPA	505593	Plackowski Bruce E.	493	
State Proposal	NPA	-291	Yes	1039	
State Proposal	NPA	-292	No	827	
State Proposal	NPA	-293	Yes	807	
State Proposal	NPA	-294	No	1078	

Entering Fields:

Poll Book Total for the County: Enter the Poll Book Total (number of voters participating in the election) for the County. *Note this is a Required Field.*

Total Votes: Enter the total votes for each candidate based on the information in the description fields.

Pre-filled Fields: All of the other fields on the screen are description fields only and cannot be changed.

Submit Results: Click when all of your numbers are entered. Do not submit partial results.
Contact the Bureau of Elections if you do not have your complete results by 2:00am EST the morning following the election.

Help: Click the Help button to access contact information for Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quiroga1@michigan.gov.

SUBMIT YOUR RESULTS! Re-Enter Password For Security

Password: Enter the password assigned by the Bureau of Elections.

Return To Form: Click to go back to correct or double-check the form.

Submit Report: Click to submit the report.

Results are Official: When you are ready to submit your final numbers, check this box to indicate the results are official and final. You will not be able to submit it any further changes without the assistance of the Bureau of Elections. You may now log back into the system and print your Official Canvass Report. See a sample of the first page of the Official Canvass at the end of this document.

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SUBMIT ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS: RE-ENTER PASSWORD FOR SECURITY	
County Name :	ALGER
Login ID :	county2
Password :	<input type="password"/>
Election Year/Type :	2002 Primary
Results are OFFICIAL :	<input type="checkbox"/> (You will NOT be able to change the Vote Totals after this)

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An online screen will appear to inform you that your filing has been received.

Sample of Canvass:

Internet Explorer

Address: http://boedev.ncusa.com/elev_dev/elev

Save & Copy Print Cancel Search Review & Comment Sign

Select Text 0%

Back Home Forward Stop Reload

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 30126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (313) 373-2540

OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTES TOTAL
(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 6, 2002

County: CLINTON
County Code: 19

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 30126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (313) 373-2540

IMPORTANT

FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- 1) Check for candidate name omissions on this form by comparing it against the candidate names printed on county's ballots. If an omission is found, contact the Department of State, Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
- 2) Enter all totals in words and numbers. Example: Three thousand and twenty-six (3,226). Do not fail to enter county's Full Book total below. When entering total number of votes cast for all candidates for a particular office, DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intention form.
- 3) Double check all entries for errors. There can be no discrepancies in the totals recorded on this form, the totals entered on the Official County Canvasser's Statement and the precinct results certified for your county. Complete accuracy is of extreme importance as the totals entered on this form represent the official record of the election.
- 4) After completing this form, affix all required signatures and county seal on the last page.
- 5) Mail the original copy of this form to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections as soon as it is completed.

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Sample State Vote Totals Form

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Bureau Of Elections
P. O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS (Summary of County Canvasser's Statement) **Primary Election** Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: **ALGER**
County Code: (02)

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau Of Elections
P. O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

IMPORTANT

FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- 1.) Check for candidate name omissions on this form by comparing it against the candidate names printed on the county's ballots. If an omission is found, contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
- 2.) Enter all totals in words and numerals. Example: Three Hundred twenty-one (321). Do not fail to enter the county's Poll Book total below. When entering total number of votes cast for all candidates for a particular office, DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.
- 3.) Double check all entries for errors. There can be no discrepancies in the totals recorded on this form, the totals entered on the Official County Canvassers' Statement and the precinct results certified for your county. Complete accuracy is of extreme importance as the totals entered on this form represent the official record of the election.
- 4.) After completing the form, affix all required signatures and county seal on the last page.
- 5.) Mail the original copy of this form to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections as soon as it is completed.

POLL BOOK TOTAL

The TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE voting at this election as shown by the POLL BOOK

was **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE**

(1855).

09/01/06 09:12:37

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Bureau Of Elections
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Phone: (517) 373-2540

OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS
(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: **ALGER (02) (Office Code: 02000000):**
Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

REP	DeVos, Dick	received THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO	votes.	Number of Votes 372
REP	Write-In Boyen, Louis C.	received ZERO	votes.	0
DEM	Granholm, Jennifer M.	received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT	votes.	1178

The total number of votes cast for (Office Code: 02000000):
Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

WAS ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY votes. 1550
(Enter the sum of the votes cast for ONLY the candidates listed above. DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.)

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OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS
(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: **ALGER (02) (Office Code: 05000000):**
United States Senator 6 Year Term (1) Position

REP	Bouchard, Michael	received TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN	votes.	Number of Votes 218
REP	Butler, Keith	received ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO	votes.	132
REP	Write-In White, Randal	received ZERO	votes.	0
DEM	Stabenow, Debbie	received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX	votes.	1166

The total number of votes cast for (Office Code: 05000000):
United States Senator 6 Year Term (1) Position

was **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN** votes. **1516**
(Enter the sum of the votes cast for ONLY the candidates listed above. DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau Of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901
Phone: (517) 373-2540

Official County Vote Totals
(Summary of County Canvassers' Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

State of Michigan County of ALGER ss.

We Hereby Certify, That the foregoing is a correct transcript of the Statement of the Board of County Canvassers, of the County of ALGER, of the votes given in such County for the indicated candidates at the Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, as appears from the original statement on file in the office of the County Clerk.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court
for the County of ALGER this _____ day of _____.

Board of County
Canvassers'

Signatures

Attest:

(Seal)

Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers

CANVASS OF VOTES CAST

AT THE ELECTION

HELD ON

(DATE OF ELECTION)

AND CANVASSED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

OF _____, _____ COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(NAME OF COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)

Order by Form No. M-380

CANVASSER BOOK

Specify whether General, Primary or Special Election

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SOVC For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races

	TURN OUT	Straight Party							
		Cards Cast	Times Counted	Total Votes	REPUBLICAN PARTY (REP)	DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DEM)	GREEN PARTY (GRN)	U.S. TAXPAYERS PARTY (UST)	NATURAL LAW PARTY (NLP)
Jurisdiction Wide									
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KASSON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEELANAU TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLOON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVERSE CITY 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	UNITED STATES SENATOR							
	Times Counted	Total Votes	Bouchard, Michael (REP)	Stabenow, Debbie (DEM)	Sole, David (GRN)	FitzSimons, W. Dennis (UST)	Schwartz, Leonard (LIB)	Write-In Votes
Jurisdiction Wide								
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KASSON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEELANAU TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVERSE CITY 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Prop 06-2				Prop 06-3				Prop 06-4			
	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO
Jurisdiction Wide												
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KASSON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEELANAU TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LELAND TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLOMON TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVERSE CITY 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	BINGHAM TOWNSHIP PRO				SCHOOL PROP				SCHOOL PROP			
	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO	Times Counted	Total Votes	YES	NO
Jurisdiction Wide												
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 2	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KASSON TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEELANAU TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LELAND TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOLON TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAVERSE CITY 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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700002	STATE												
	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	GOVERNOR DICK DEVOS	JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM	DOUGLAS CAMPBELL	BHAGWAN DASHIRYA	GREGORY CRESWELL	SECRETARY OF STATE TERRI LYNN LAND	CARMELLA SABAUGH	LYNN MEADOWS		
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - 1	430	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - Election	430	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	430	299	69.53	127	167	0	0	1	193	93	3		
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - 2	1757	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - Election	1757	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1757	846	48.15	365	452	10	1	8	465	338	18		
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - 3	1703	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - Election	1703	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1703	815	47.86	384	410	6	0	3	485	286	18		
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - 4	638	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - Election	638	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	638	276	43.26	105	165	5	0	1	144	119	5		
GRANT TOWNSHIP - 5	1334	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GRANT TOWNSHIP - Election Day	1334	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GRANT TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1334	663	49.69	255	388	4	1	2	339	292	9		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	2233	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	2233	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	2233	1005	45.01	453	529	6	1	7	560	395	19		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1045	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1045	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1045	530	50.72	215	299	6	2	1	263	246	10		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1632	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1632	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1632	757	46.38	358	375	7	3	3	447	278	15		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1927	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1927	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINC	1927	691	35.86	314	357	4	3	6	398	258	12		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1268	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1268	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1268	630	49.68	231	390	3	2	1	329	279	8		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1952	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1952	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PREC	1952	1120	57.38	480	630	7	6	6	580	499	20		
RENO TOWNSHIP - 12	455	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
RENO TOWNSHIP - Election Day	455	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
RENO TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	455	254	55.82	117	130	1	3	2	137	110	4		
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - 13	402	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - Election	402	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	402	229	56.97	96	129	1	0	1	123	89	11		
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - 14	1307	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - Election Day	1307	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1307	742	56.77	343	383	5	2	2	449	241	14		
WILBER TOWNSHIP - 15	658	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
WILBER TOWNSHIP - Election Day	658	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
WILBER TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	658	355	53.95	167	178	1	2	2	205	130	5		
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - 16	2082	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - Election	2082	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - SPR Host	2082	1284	61.67	618	642	8	1	5	799	427	22		
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - 17	1343	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - Election	1343	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - SPR Host	1343	711	52.94	349	343	4	4	6	439	244	16		
CITY OF WHITTEMORE - 18	314	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF WHITTEMORE - Election	314	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CITY OF WHITTEMORE - SPR Host	314	133	42.36	49	76	3	1	2	53	69	4		
STATE	22480	11330	50.40	5006	6043	81	32	59	6408	4391	213		
DISTRICT 1	5568	2647	47.54	1193	1381	20	8	13	1475	1047	49		
DISTRICT 2	5387	2352	43.66	1063	1219	20	4	17	1348	882	48		
DISTRICT 3	4720	2534	53.69	1023	1449	17	13	10	1309	1134	42		
DISTRICT 4	5128	2810	54.80	1351	1395	18	5	14	1723	957	56		
DISTRICT 5	4125	2320	56.24	675	1200	10	4	0	1204	600	46		

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740030	COUNTY														
	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)		COUNTY PROPOSAL 1			COUNTY PROPOSAL 2			COUNTY PROPOSAL 3			IRESA PROPOSAL	
					YES	NO		YES	NO		YES	NO		YES	NO
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - 1	430	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - Election	430	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
ALABASTER TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	430	299	69.53		114	163		151	130		146	130		94	196
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - 2	1757	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - Election	1757	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1757	846	48.15		337	411		446	343		415	368		269	525
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - 3	1703	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - Election	1703	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1703	815	47.86		317	419		427	338		389	354		265	490
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - 4	638	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - Election	638	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	638	278	43.26		105	134		158	98		104	142		94	153
GRANT TOWNSHIP - 5	1334	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
GRANT TOWNSHIP - Election Day	1334	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
GRANT TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1334	653	48.95		247	351		349	263		283	317		197	419
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	2233	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	2233	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	2233	1005	45.01		373	545		506	438		460	471		316	628
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1045	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1045	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1045	530	50.72		230	248		257	241		220	260		150	341
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1632	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1632	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1632	757	46.38		278	401		410	306		397	311		226	483
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1927	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1927	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
OSCODA TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1927	691	35.86		270	361		385	269		360	281		247	404
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1268	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1268	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1268	630	49.68		266	317		364	238		273	318		204	399
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1952	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1952	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT	1952	1120	57.38		490	546		689	372		482	557		373	690
RENO TOWNSHIP - 12	455	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
RENO TOWNSHIP - Election Day	455	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
RENO TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	455	254	55.82		91	136		138	99		101	131		82	156
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - 13	402	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - Election	402	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	402	229	56.97		80	125		117	94		79	125		67	143
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - 14	1307	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - Election Day	1307	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
TAWAS TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	1307	742	56.77		275	414		380	325		321	382		263	445
WILBER TOWNSHIP - 15	658	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
WILBER TOWNSHIP - Election Day	658	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
WILBER TOWNSHIP - SPR Host	658	355	53.95		140	174		180	151		164	168		112	219
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - 16	2082	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - Election	2082	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF EAST TAWAS - SPR Host	2082	1284	61.67		480	681		674	538		644	552		437	777
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - 17	1343	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - Election	1343	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF TAWAS CITY - SPR Host	1343	711	52.94		270	373		375	292		358	301		261	405
CITY OF WHITEMORE - 18	314	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF WHITEMORE - Election	314	0	0.00		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
CITY OF WHITEMORE - SPR Host	314	133	42.36		54	63		75	51		53	71		59	63
STATE	22480	11330	50.40		4417	5862		6079	4586		5249	5239		3716	6926
DISTRICT 1	5568	2647	47.54		1021	1368		1353	1136		1241	1210		804	1671
DISTRICT 2	5387	2352	43.66		924	1191		1258	950		1164	1003		781	1419
DISTRICT 3	4720	2534	53.69		1077	1247		1448	950		1076	1266		809	1586
DISTRICT 4	5128	2810	54.80		1067	1473		1476	1168		1391	1207		963	1672
DISTRICT 5	4425	2332	52.70		875	1250		1228	961		986	1167		774	1409

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NUMBERED KEY CANVASS

WEST BLOOMFIELD CHARTER TOWNSH

GENERAL ELECTION

RUN DATE:05/30/08 02:23 PM

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01 = REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL

TOTAL PERCENT

47,565

03 = BALLOTS CA

02 = BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL

0

	01	02	03
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	2099	. . 0	. . 0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	2559	. . 0	. . 0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	1657	. . 0	. . 0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	1543	. . 0	. . 0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	1949	. . 0	. . 0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	1447	. . 0	. . 0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	1518	. . 0	. . 0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	1590	. . 0	. . 0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	1001	. . 0	. . 0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	1445	. . 0	. . 0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	1316	. . 0	. . 0
2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	2085	. . 0	. . 0
2013 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 13	2028	. . 0	. . 0
2014 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 14	1762	. . 0	. . 0
2015 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 15	1900	. . 0	. . 0
2016 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 16	1628	. . 0	. . 0
2017 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 17	2034	. . 0	. . 0
2018 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 18	1698	. . 0	. . 0
2019 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 19	2592	. . 0	. . 0
2020 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 20	1527	. . 0	. . 0
2021 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 21	1687	. . 0	. . 0
2022 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 22	2230	. . 0	. . 0
2023 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 23	1468	. . 0	. . 0
2024 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 24	1572	. . 0	. . 0
2025 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 25	1904	. . 0	. . 0
2026 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 26	1535	. . 0	. . 0
2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	1791	. . 0	. . 0

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VOTES PERCENT

STRAIGHT PARTY

Vote for Not More Than 1

01 = REPUBLICAN (REP)

0

05 = LIBERTARIA

02 = DEMOCRATIC (DEM)

0

06 = NATURAL LA

03 = GREEN (GRE)

0

07 = OVER VOTES

04 = U.S. TAXPAYERS (UST)

0

08 = UNDER VOTE

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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VOTES PERCENT

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR

Vote for Not More Than 1

01 = DeVos and Johnson (REP)
 02 = Granholm and Cherry (DEM)
 03 = Campbell and Skrbina (GRE)
 04 = Dashairya and Oehling (UST)

05 = Creswell a
 06 = WRITE-IN
 07 = OVER VOTES
 08 = UNDER VOTE

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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VOTES PERCENT

SECRETARY OF STATE

Vote for Not More Than 1

2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	0	0	0	0
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WITH 0 OF 27 PR

VOTES PERCENT

PROPOSAL 06-3

Vote for Not More Than 1

01 = YES

0

03 = OVER VOTES

02 = NO

0

04 = UNDER VOTE

	01	02	03	04
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	0	0	0	0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	0	0	0	0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	0	0	0	0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	0	0	0	0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	0	0	0	0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	0	0	0	0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	0	0	0	0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	0	0	0	0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	0	0	0	0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	0	0	0	0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	0	0	0	0
2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	0	0	0	0
2013 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 13	0	0	0	0
2014 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 14	0	0	0	0
2015 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 15	0	0	0	0
2016 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 16	0	0	0	0
2017 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 17	0	0	0	0
2018 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 18	0	0	0	0
2019 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 19	0	0	0	0
2020 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 20	0	0	0	0
2021 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 21	0	0	0	0
2022 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 22	0	0	0	0
2023 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 23	0	0	0	0
2024 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 24	0	0	0	0
2025 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 25	0	0	0	0
2026 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 26	0	0	0	0
2027 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 27	0	0	0	0

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VOTES PERCENT

PROPOSAL 06-4

Vote for Not More Than 1

01 = YES

0

03 = OVER VOTES

02 = NO

0

04 = UNDER VOTE

	01	02	03	04
2001 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 01	0	0	0	0
2002 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 02	0	0	0	0
2003 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 03	0	0	0	0
2004 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 04	0	0	0	0
2005 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 05	0	0	0	0
2006 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 06	0	0	0	0
2007 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 07	0	0	0	0
2008 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 08	0	0	0	0
2009 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 09	0	0	0	0
2010 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 10	0	0	0	0
2011 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 11	0	0	0	0
2012 W BLOOMFIELD CHRT TWP 12	0	0	0	0

Sample Addendum 1 - Candidates

STATEMENT OF VOTES

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		PUT FIGURES IN THIS COLUMN				
The whole number of votes given for the office of						
was						
and they were given for the following named persons:						
received	votes					
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received	votes					
TOTAL	votes					
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TOTAL	votes					

Sample Addendum 2 – Proposals

STATEMENT OF VOTES

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	PUT FIGURES IN THIS COLUMN			
<p>The whole number of votes given for and against the _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>was _____</p> <p>of which number _____</p> <p>votes were marked YES</p> <p>and _____</p> <p>votes were marked NO</p>				
TOTAL VOTES,				
<p>The whole number of votes given for and against the _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>was _____</p> <p>of which number _____</p> <p>votes were marked YES</p> <p>and _____</p> <p>votes were marked NO</p>				
TOTAL VOTES,				
<p>The whole number of votes given for and against the _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>was _____</p> <p>of which number _____</p> <p>votes were marked YES</p> <p>and _____</p> <p>votes were marked NO</p>				
TOTAL VOTES,				
<p>The whole number of votes given for and against the _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>was _____</p> <p>of which number _____</p> <p>votes were marked YES</p> <p>and _____</p> <p>votes were marked NO</p>				
TOTAL VOTES,				

NOTE: If using this sample addendum form, it will be necessary to supplement this form with the full text of each proposal.

State of Michigan Write-In Vote Certification Report

Eq8/07

Certificate of Determination

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CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF _____ } ss.

The Board of Canvassers of the _____ of _____
(County, City, Township or Village) (County, City, Township or Village)
having Ascertained and Canvassed the Votes of said _____
(County, City, Township or Village)
at the _____ Election, held on the _____ day of _____
two thousand _____

Do Hereby Certify and Determine

That _____ having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected _____
That _____ having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected _____
That _____ having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected _____
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votes is elected _____
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votes is elected _____

Certification of County Canvassers' Report

That.....having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected.....

That.....having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected.....

That.....having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected.....

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votes is elected.....

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votes is elected.....

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votes is elected.....

That.....having received a sufficient number of
votes is elected.....

Do Further Hereby Determine

That the following Propositions or questions were passed or defeated as indicated below:

NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was	<u>Passed</u> Defeated
1. _____			
NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was	<u>Passed</u> Defeated
2. _____			
NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was	<u>Passed</u> Defeated
3. _____			
NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having <u>Received</u> Not Received	Sufficient votes was	<u>Passed</u> Defeated
4. _____			

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal

of the _____ of _____
(County, City, Township or Village) (County, City, Township or Village)

this _____ day of _____

in the year two thousand and _____



ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN. } **BOARD OF
CANVASSERS**

CLERK OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS.

Certificate of Nomination

Joseph Bullen
2192 McConnell Hwy
Charlotte, MI 48813

State of Michigan
County of Eaton

I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the August 3, 2004 Primary, **Joseph Bullen** receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the **Republican Party** nomination to the office of **Benton Township Supervisor**, as determined by the Eaton County Board of Canvassers.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Thursday, August 10, 2004.

SEAL

Fran Fuller
Eaton County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Gerrit W. Vander Kamp
11412 E. Indian Lake Drive
Vicksburg MI 49097

State of Michigan }
 }SS
County of Kalamazoo }

I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Primary Election held on August 8, 2006, Gerrit W. Vander Kamp receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the Republican Party nomination to the office of Brady Township Trustee, as determined by the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court for said County, this 15th day of August 2006.

{ Seal }

Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

State of Michigan
County of Eaton

I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Election held on May 6, 2008,
Martha Brunger Parks having received a sufficient number of votes was elected to the office of
Library Board Member of the Grand Ledge Area District Library as determined by the Board of County
Canvassers of Eaton County.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Friday,
May 9, 2008.

SEAL

Fran Fuller
Eaton County Clerk

Certificate of Election

I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do hereby certify that at the Election held on November 6, 2007, David F. Anderson, receiving a sufficient number of votes, was Elected to the Office of Kalamazoo City Commissioner, for the term expiring November 9, 2009, as determined by the Board of County Canvassers of Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court for said County, this 8th day of November 2007.

Kalamazoo County Clerk & Register of Deeds

Seal

PETITION FOR A RECOUNT

(County/City/Township/Village)

I, _____, the petitioner reside at

_____, petition the _____
(County)

Board of Canvassers for a recount of the votes cast for the _____
(Office/District/Party or Question)

at the _____ election. I believe that fraud or error was committed by the precinct election inspectors in their canvass of returns of the votes cast at the above referenced election. An additional explanation of the fraud or error is provided (optional):

I request that the following precinct(s) and/or absent voter counting board (AVCB) precinct(s) within the listed jurisdictions be recounted:

Precinct/AVCB Number	Name of Jurisdiction
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(List additional precincts on the back or attach additional sheets)

My deposit of \$_____ is enclosed. (\$10.00 for each precinct/AVCB precinct to be recounted)

Signature of Candidate/Voter: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
_____ day of _____ 20_____

Name of Notary: _____

County: _____

(Signature of Notary Public)

Commission Expires _____

PRE-RECOUNT MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order; meeting of the _____ County Board of Canvassers
 - A. This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
 - B. *Question to County Clerk:* Has the meeting notice been posted?
 - C. Introductions:
 - 1. Members of the County Board of Canvassers.
 - 2. County Clerk and other Representatives of the County Board of Canvassers.
 - D. *Question to all in attendance:* Have all candidates and their representatives signed the sign-in sheet and been provided with a name tag? *Explain:* There will be a separate sign-in sheet for each day; please sign in. Name tags are color coded by candidate or pro/con on proposal. We ask that name tags be worn at all times throughout these proceedings.
- II. Statement of Purpose
 - A. (PRIMARY) We are here to recount the votes cast for the _____ party nomination to the office of _____ in the _____ ward/district/circuit.

(GENERAL) We are here to recount the votes cast for the office of _____ in the _____ ward/district/circuit.

(ELECTION TYPE) We are here to recount the votes cast on the _____ proposal.
 - B. Authority - This recount is being conducted under the authority of the _____ County Board of Canvassers.
- III. Instructions to Recountability and Recount Team Members (Note: As an option, the duties defined under A may be carried out by the Recount Team.)
 - A. Role of Recountability Team - To determine the recountability of each precinct.
 - 1. Recountability team members will direct *any and all* procedural questions to a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.
 - 2. Recount Process: The ballots will be recounted via (hand count, electronic count or combination).

3. Recountability Standards: Refer to ITEM II - “Recount Statement of Returns” form.

- If precinct is recountable – Complete Columns A and B under ITEM VII. Return all ballots and special envelopes to the ballot container and deliver to Recount

Team along with “Recount Statement of Returns” form, Poll Book, Statement of Votes and Canvass Report.

- If precinct is **not** recountable – Original election results stand. Complete Columns A and B under ITEM VII. Complete and sign “Precinct Not Recountable Determination” form. Staple completed form to “Recount Statement of Returns” form. Return all ballots and special envelopes to ballot container (if removed) and reseal container. Record new seal number and initial 1) Ballot Container Certificate 2) ITEM VI of “Recount Statement of Returns” and 3) Poll Book.

B. Role of Recount Team – To recount the votes.

1. Recount team members will direct *any and all* procedural questions to a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.
2. Ballot will be recounted via:
 - Hand Count - Sort and count method or tally method.
 - Retabulation – Using special program.
 - Retabulation – Using original program.
3. All duplicated ballots and ballots containing one or more write-in votes for the office being recounted will be brought to the attention of a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.

C. Validity Standards

1. Optical Scan – Review Handout

IV. Challenge Process

- A. Two representatives will be allowed to observe the work of each recountability/ recount team, one of which will be designated as the spokesperson.

1. Candidates and their representatives may not touch ballots, seals, poll books, statements of votes or recount documents.

2. It is the responsibility of the designated spokesperson to voice his/her intent to challenge to a decision made by a recountability/recount team *at the time that the decision is made*.
 3. Decisions made by a recountability/recount team will not be revisited for the purpose of entering a challenge.
- B. All challenges will be fully documented at the time that the challenge is made.
1. At that time, a “Challenge Exhibit” form will be completed by a member of the recountability/recount team and will contain the following information:
 - ☐ Team decision that is the basis of the challenge
 - ☐ Office or Proposition
 - ☐ Township or City of
 - ☐ Ward/Precinct #
 - ☐ Exhibit #
 - ☐ Reason for Challenge (description of challenge)
 - ☐ Challenged by
 2. The completed “Challenge Exhibit” form is reviewed by the challenger for accuracy.
 - ☐ If the challenger agrees with the information he/she will be asked to sign the form on the designated line
 - ☐ If the challenger disagrees with any of the information the necessary corrections will be made and the challenger will be asked to sign the form on the designated line
 3. Each challenged ballot shall be secured inside an exhibit envelope with the completed and signed “Challenge Exhibit” form affixed to the outside. The envelope will be sealed with an official red paper seal that has been initialed by two recount team members. The sealed exhibit envelope will then be placed along with the other ballots cast according to the recount teams decision.
 4. All “Challenge Exhibit” forms and envelopes will be retained by the representative of the County Board of Canvassers.

5. All challenges will be presented to the County Board of Canvassers at the conclusion of the recount.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

July 18, 2006

**DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF
OPTICAL SCAN BALLOT MARKINGS**
(Issued May 27, 2004)

Michigan election law, MCL 168.799a(3) as amended under PA 92 of 2004, provides the following direction on recounting optical scan ballots:

If the electronic voting system requires that the elector place a mark in a predefined area on the ballot in order to cast a vote, the vote shall not be considered valid unless there is a mark within the predefined area. A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark subject to recount with other marks appearing on the ballot. The secretary of state shall issue instructions, subject to the approval of the board of state canvassers, relevant to stray marks to ensure the fairness and uniformity of determinations made under this subsection. A secretary of state's instruction relevant to stray marks shall not be applied to a ballot unless the secretary of state issued the instruction not less than 63 days before the date of the election.

Similar direction is provided under Michigan election law, MCL 168.803(2) as amended under PA 92 of 2004:

If an electronic voting system requires that the elector place a mark in a predefined area on the ballot in order to cast a vote, the vote shall not be considered valid unless there is a mark within the predefined area. A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark with other marks appearing on the ballot. The secretary of state shall issue instructions, subject to the approval of the board of state canvassers, relevant to stray marks to ensure the fairness and uniformity of determinations made under this subsection. A secretary of state's instruction relevant to stray marks shall not be applied to a ballot unless the secretary of state issued the instruction not less than 63 days before the date of the election.

The above provisions of law were enacted to accommodate those situations where the tabulating equipment employed to count optical scan ballots cast at an election is unable to recognize a properly cast vote. Such situations generally stem from the voter using an inappropriate marking tool to vote his or her ballot. They can also occur if the ballot marking is not dense enough for the tabulator to recognize the presence of a vote.

It merits emphasis that the proper way to indicate a vote on an optical scan ballot is to make a mark within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote. Thus, any markings that are inconsistent with this standard cannot be counted as votes.

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-- OPTECH SYSTEMS --

Examples of Valid Optical Scan Ballot Markings

STANDARD: There is a mark within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote.

Examples of Invalid Optical Scan Ballot Markings

STANDARD: A mark does *not* appear within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote.

OR

STANDARD: A mark appears within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote but it can be determined that the mark is a “stray mark” when the mark is compared to other marks appearing on the ballot.

-- ACCU-VOTE SYSTEMS --

Examples of Valid Optical Scan Ballot Markings

STANDARD: There is a mark within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote.

Examples of Invalid Optical Scan Ballot Markings

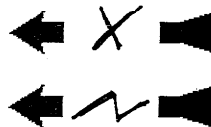
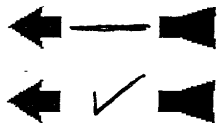
STANDARD: A mark does *not* appear within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote.

OR

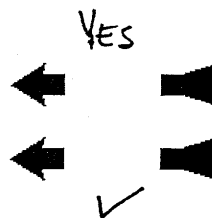
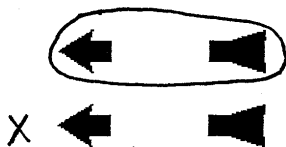
STANDARD: A mark appears within the “predefined area” designated for casting a vote but it can be determined that the mark is a “stray mark” when the mark is compared to other marks appearing on the ballot.

Optical Scan Systems Employing
"Arrow" Target Areas

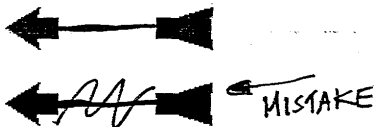
Valid markings: Each of the examples provided below is a valid vote as there is a mark within the "predefined area" for casting a vote.



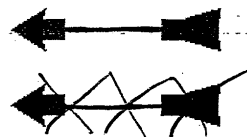
Invalid markings: Each of the examples provided below is an invalid vote as a mark does not appear within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.



Corrections: A correction that causes a "false" tabulator read does not count as a valid vote.

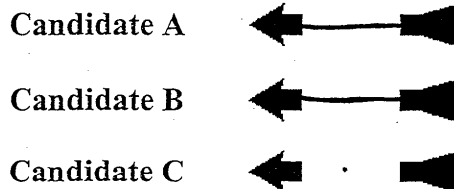


Counts for top position only



Counts for top position only

Stray marks: "A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark with other marks appearing on the ballot."



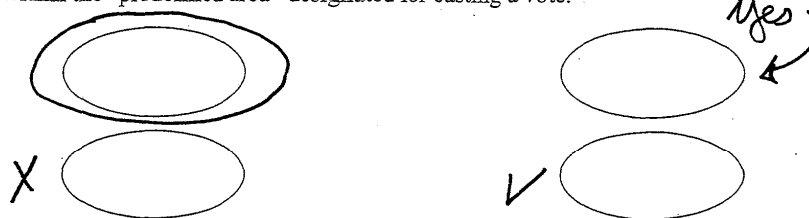
Counts for top two positions only

Optical Scan Systems Employing
"Oval" Target Areas

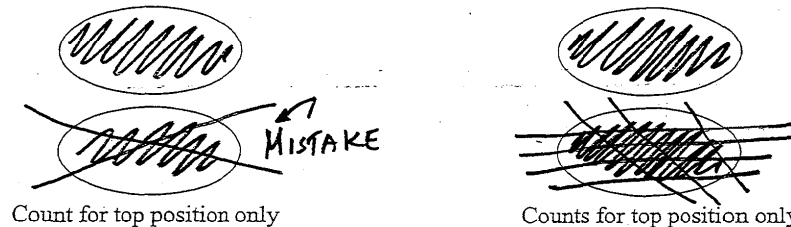
Valid markings: Each of the examples provided below is a valid vote as there is a mark within the "predefined area" for casting a vote.



Invalid markings: Each of the examples provided below is an invalid vote as a mark does not appear within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.



Corrections: A correction that causes a "false" tabulator read does not count as a valid vote.



Count for top position only

Counts for top position only

Stray marks: "A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark with other marks appearing on the ballot."

Candidate A



Candidate B



Candidate C



Counts for top two positions only

CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE/FORM

EXHIBIT #: _____ **COUNTY:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Township/City or Village of: _____ **Precinct #:** _____
(Circle one)

OFFICE OR PROPOSAL: _____

TEAM DECISION: _____

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: _____

_____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Challenger

Representing: _____

(Candidate/Yes or No of Proposal)

RULING BY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS: _____

RECOUNT STATEMENT OF RETURNS FORM INSTRUCTIONS

ITEM I – GENERAL INFORMATION: Enter information requested for question 1 and 2.

ITEM II –RECOUNTABILITY CHECKS: Answer questions 1 and 2. If the answer to question 1 and 2 is “Yes,” proceed to question 3. If the answer to question 1 or 2 is “No,” refer to “Recountability Note #1” below.

Recountability Note #1: If the ballot container is not properly sealed, or the seal number does not agree with the seal of record (Poll Book, Statement of Votes or Ballot Container Certificate), the precinct is not recountable. **It is important to note that in this case, the precinct is not recountable even if the ballots inside the ballot container are sealed inside an unapproved ballot container (e.g. white canvass bag).**

If the precinct is not recountable, proceed to question 4. Answer “No” to question 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the “DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE” form and 2) complete **ITEMS V** and **VII**, Column A and B.

Physical Count Instructions:

Count #1 - Count the number of ballots tabulated and compare the total with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book (**ITEM 1**). If the total number of ballots tabulated agrees with the total number of voters (**ITEM 1**), the precinct is recountable. Answer “Yes” to question 3 and 4, and sign where indicated. Proceed to **ITEM III**. However, if the first count does not agree, check the following:

- Refer to the Ballot Summary - Were one or more ballots duplicated? If “Yes,” are all “duplicate” and corresponding “original” ballots accounted for? (Check the special envelope) Are all “duplicate” ballots included in the number of ballots counted and are all “original” ballots secured inside the special envelope? “Original” ballots should not be included in the physical count.
- Refer to the Ballot Summary - Were one or more ballots “Spoiled”? (Check the special envelope) Are all “spoiled” ballots secured inside the special envelope? “Spoiled” ballots should not be included in the physical count.
- Refer to the Remarks Page - Is there an acceptable explanation for the discrepancy?
- Refer to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) – Does the number of ballots tabulated according to the physical count agree with the number of ballots tabulated according to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape)?

If after a review of the above items it is determined that the first count agrees with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book and/or the total number of ballots

tabulated according to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) the precinct is recountable. Answer “Yes” to question 3, sign where indicated and proceed to **ITEM III**. However, if the first count does not agree and a reasonable explanation for the discrepancy can not be identified, the ballots must be counted a second time; proceed to **Count #2** below.

Count #2 - Count the ballots a second time. If the total number of ballots tabulated agrees with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape), the ballots must be counted a third time to verify the count; proceed to **Count #3**. However, if the second count does not agree, the precinct is not recountable. Answer “No” to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the “DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE” form and 2) complete **ITEMS IV, V, VI and VII**.

Count #3 – Count the ballots a third time. If the total number of ballots tabulated agrees with the total number of voters (as verified with Count #2) the precinct is recountable; answer “Yes” to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and proceed to **ITEM III**. However, if the third count does not agree with Count #2, the precinct is not recountable. Answer “No” to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the “DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE” form and 2) complete **ITEMS IV, V, VI and VII**.

Physical Count – Summary: The number of ballots tabulated (per the physical count) must agree with (1) the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) total on the first count or (2) the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) total on the second and third counts. If the number of ballots and the number of voters do not agree, and an acceptable explanation for the discrepancy can not be identified, the precinct is not recountable.

ITEM III – ENVELOPE BALLOTS: (Complete only if one or more “Envelope” ballots were counted during the 6 days immediately following the election.) Answer questions 1 and 2. If the answer to question 1 and 2 is “Yes,” answer “Yes” to question 3; the envelope ballots are recountable – place the envelope ballots with the other ballots to be recounted. However, if the answer to question 1 or 2 is “No,” answer “No” to question 3; the envelope ballots are not recountable. Proceed to **Item IV**. (*NOTE: A determination that the envelope ballots are not recountable, has no bearing on the recountability of the precinct.*)

ITEM IV – DUPLICATED BALLOTS: Answer question 1. If the answer is “Yes,” match each “original” ballot to the corresponding “duplicate.” Verify that all “valid marks” recorded by the voter on the “original” ballot, for the office or proposal being recounted, are reflected on the corresponding “duplicate” ballot. If errors are identified, make the necessary corrections and proceed to **ITEM V**. If the answer is “No,” proceed to **ITEM V**.

ITEM V – CHALLENGES: Answer question 1. If the answer is “Yes,” review all documentation recorded on the CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE(S) for completeness and accuracy, answer “Yes” to question 2 and proceed to **ITEM VI**. If the answer to question 1 is “No,” proceed to **ITEM VI**.

ITEM VI – BALLOT CONTAINER RESEALING: Return all ballots to the ballot container. Re-seal the container and record the new seal number under **ITEM VI**, in the Poll Book and on the Ballot Container Certificate. Initial and date the entries in the Poll Book and on the Ballot Container Certificate. (NOTE: Do not seal CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE(S) containing ballots in the ballot container.)

ITEM VII – RECOUNT RETURNS:

If the precinct is recounted, complete COLUMN A, B and C **and sign in the designated area.**

If the precinct is **not** recounted, complete COLUMN A and B **and sign in the designated area.**

RECOUNT STATEMENT OF RETURNS

Office/Proposal _____ District/Circuit _____ Political Party _____

County _____ City/Township _____ Precinct _____

ITEM I GENERAL INFORMATION

1) Number of voters per Poll Book: *(Minus Envelope Ballots)* _____

2) Ballot container seal number: _____
(From Poll Book/Statement of Votes and/or Ballot Container Certificate)

ITEM II RECOUNTABILITY CHECKS

Ballot Security

1) Is the seal placed on the ballot container so that ballots cannot be removed or added without breaking the seal or damaging the container? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Does the number on the seal agree with the Poll Book, Statement of Votes and/or Ballot Container Certificate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Physical Ballot Count

3) Does the number of ballots agree with the number of voters shown in the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Determination

4) Is the precinct recountable? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" – Sign below and proceed to **ITEM III**.

If "No" – Sign below and complete: 1) "DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE" form 2) **ITEM V** 3) **ITEM VI** and 4) **ITEM VII, Items A and B**.

X _____ X _____
(Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.) (Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.)

ITEM III ENVELOPE BALLOTS *(Complete only if one or more "envelope" ballots were counted during the 6 day review period)*

1) Is the seal placed on the ballot container so that ballots cannot be removed or added without breaking the seal or damaging the container? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Does the number on the seal found on the container agree with the number recorded on the Ballot Container Certificate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) Are the "envelope" ballots recountable? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ITEM IV DUPLICATE BALLOTS

1) Were one or more ballots duplicated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", refer to FORM INSTRUCTIONS - DUPLICATED BALLOTS.

If "No", proceed to **ITEM V**.**ITEM V CHALLENGES**1) Were any decisions of the recount/recountability team challenged? ☐ Yes ☐ No2) If "Yes" were all challenges properly documented? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ITEM VI BALLOT CONTAINER RESEALING - Return all ballots to the ballot container. Record the new seal number below, in the Poll Book and on the Ballot Container Certificate. (NOTE: Do not seal CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE(S) containing ballots in the ballot container.)

Ballot container resealed with seal number _____.

ITEM VII RECOUNT RETURNS

COLUMN A <i>Enter names of candidates below or "Yes" and "No" if a proposal</i>	COLUMN B ENTER ORIGINAL TOTALS	COLUMN C ENTER RECOUNT TOTALS

X _____ X _____
(Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.) (Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.)

DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE

Office/Proposal_____District/Circuit_____Political Party_____

County _____ City/Township _____ Precinct _____

On ____ / ____ /20____ the above referenced precinct was found to be not recountable for the

following reason(s): _____

X _____ X _____
(Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.) (Recount Team Member/Board of Canvasser Asst.)

POST RECOUNT MEETING AGENDA

A. Meeting of the County Board of Canvassers

1. A summary of the recount proceedings will be presented by a representative of the County Board of Canvassers which will include:
 - ☐ Total number of precincts included in the original petition for recount
 - ☐ Total number of precincts included in the counter-petition (if applicable)
 - ☐ Total number of precincts determined to be recountable
 - ☐ Total number of precincts determined not to be recountable
 - ☐ Original vote results
 - ☐ Recount vote results
2. A representative of the County Board of Canvassers will present any challenges to the Board.
3. Each candidate or representative will be given the opportunity to present oral arguments to support their challenge(s).
4. Once the board renders its decision, each challenged ballot will be returned to the "Challenge Exhibit" envelope which will be resealed using an official Red Paper Seal. The envelope will remain sealed for the remainder of the retention period.
5. Each candidate or representative will be given a final opportunity to enter any final statements or objections into the record.

B. Request for a "Motion to Accept" - A motion to accept the recount results as entered on the "Recount Statement of Votes" as the official vote for the office or proposal will be made and accepted by the County Board of Canvassers.

C. Meeting Adjourned.

NOTE: Decisions made by County Board of Canvassers are final and may not be appealed to the Board of State Canvassers. Any appeals must be taken up in Circuit Court.

RECOUNT STATEMENT OF PRECINCTS

Statement of recount in the County of _____ of the votes cast at the _____
election held on the _____ day of _____ 20 ____ for the office of _____.
(If partisan Primary, insert party)

Step 1) Enter the name of each candidate or the “Yes” and “No” for the proposal in the boxes at the top of the “RECOUNT RESULTS” columns. **Step 2)** Enter the name of each city/township or village being recounted in the far left column followed by the ward/precinct number. **Step 3)** Enter the recount vote totals for each candidate or the “Yes” and “No” for the proposal. NOTE: If the precinct is not recountable, enter the original vote total as reflected on the County Canvass Report.

City or Township of	Ward	Pct.	RECOUNT RESULTS					
TOTAL (or if Sub-total to be carried forward to next page)			0	0	0	0	0	0

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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) ss.
)

County of _____

We certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the recount of the votes cast at the

_____ Election held on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

for the office of _____
(If Primary, insert party)

In witness, we have set our hands at the (City, Township or Village) of _____ in said county and state,

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Seal)

_____) Board of
_____) County
_____) Canvassers
_____)

Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers

STATE OF MICHIGAN

)
) ss.
)

County of _____

We certify that the foregoing copy of the Recount Statement of Precincts in the County of

_____ of the votes cast at the _____ Election held on the

_____ day of _____, 20_____ for the office of _____
(If Primary, insert party)

and the attached Certificate are correct transcripts of the originals of such statement and certificate which are on file in the office of the County Clerk.

In witness, we have set our hands and affixed the seal of the Circuit

(Seal)

Court for the County of _____

this _____ day of _____, 20_____

County Clerk

Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers

AFFIX OFFICIAL SEAL WHERE INDICATED ABOVE